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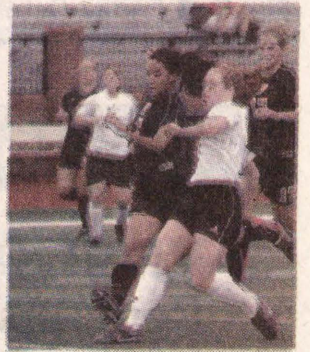
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Both Harding
soccer teams
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Harding IS&T Addresses Network Problems

University Adds Bandwidth as Video Use Increases

By AMANDA PRUITT
editor in chief

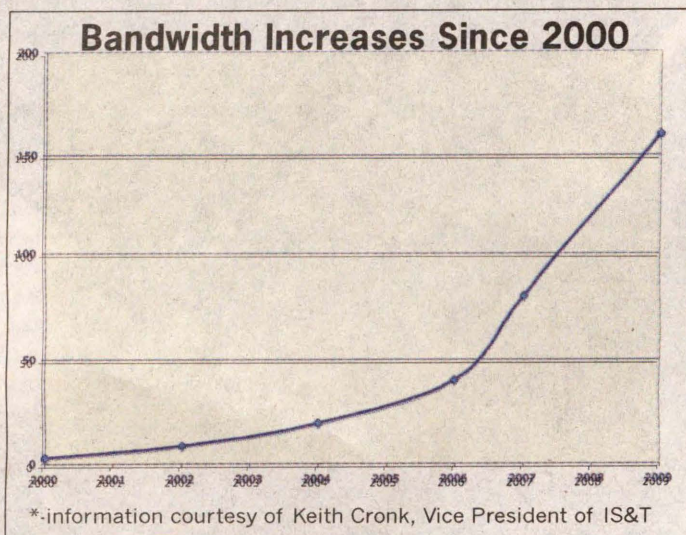
Soon, Internet users on Harding's campus will not be slowed by Web site loading times or lost connections, as has been a problem the first two months of the school year.

Harding has recently made a purchase that will double the bandwidth on campus, according to Keith Cronk, the Vice President of Internet Services and Technology.

The bandwidth will increase from 40 megabits to 80 megabits. Cronk said Harding will hopefully receive the broadband expansion from AT&T by Thanksgiving, but the installation may not occur until around Christmas.

Cronk said Harding had planned to purchase more bandwidth for the campus next year, but an unexpected amount of use has led to the early network expansion. The increased use of Harding's network comes from nearly 140 additional students living in the dorms coupled with the rapid, campus-wide growth of YouTube users.

"We track what uses our bandwidth and YouTube is one of those and things like YouTube," Cronk said. "YouTube has online videos, and even though it's not high quality, it still takes up bandwidth. A new YouTube video shows up, and you know what happens:



everyone's watching it."

Not only has YouTube gained in popularity, but also online video sources are in high demand on campus. Several of the television networks and stations now offer sit-com and drama episodes online for those who may have missed the original airing.

With the growing popularity of video and other graphic-rich media online that take up more bandwidth, Cronk has estimated Harding would double the campus bandwidth again to 160 megabits in 2009.

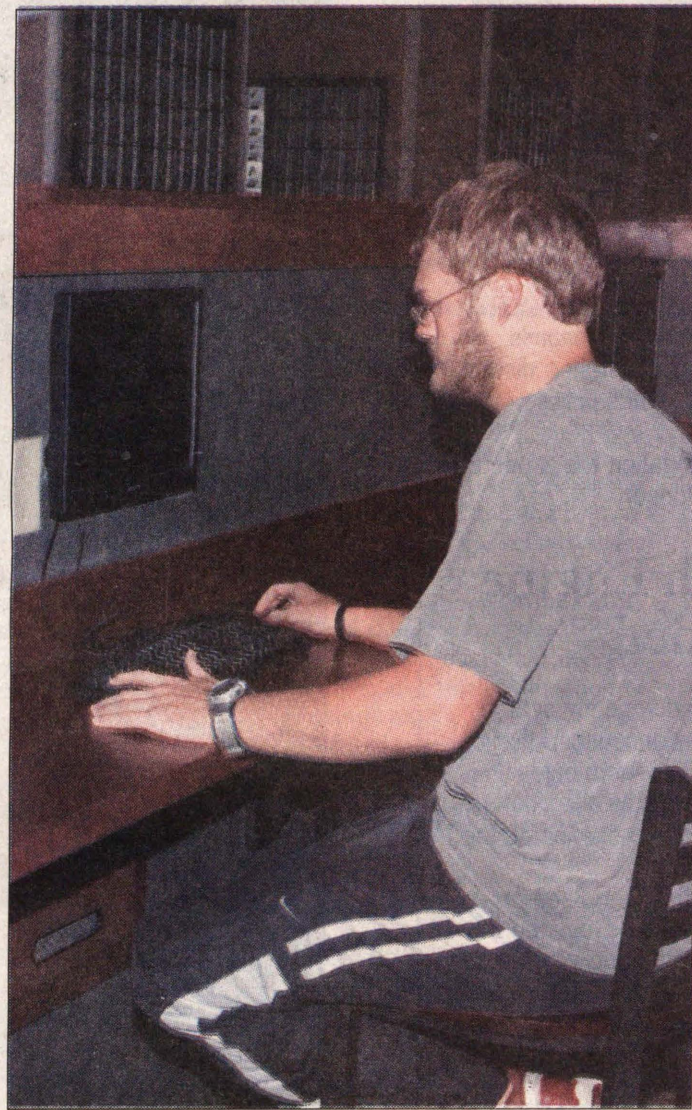
In addition to online videos, Harding's broadband also allows for some online gaming, including the popular Halo series for Xbox.

Such games, which sometimes feature live audio feed between players, take up increased bandwidth with the high-end graphics and sound.

"The people in the dorm often say, 'I get a better response at home, and here I am with a bigger connection,'" Cronk said. "Yes, but it's just you at home. Here, at any one time, you could have 4,000 open connections doing any number of applications."

Cronk said the increased bandwidth will be noticeable once the change takes place, and the speeds will be similar to Internet usage during chapel hours when not many students have computer access.

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TAYLOR DURHAM | The Bison

Senior Kevin Burr logs onto the computers in the Student Center. In a few months, Harding will double its bandwidth, making Internet applications on campus run faster.

Shultz Earns National Honors

Nursing Dean Named President-Elect Of NLN

By ASHTON REELY
news editor

Dr. Cathie Shultz, dean of the College of Nursing, has been chosen by her professional peers to obtain the office of President-elect of the National League for Nurses.

The NLN, the oldest nationally-renowned nursing organization, was established in 1893 and is headquartered in New York City.

Shultz said she found out the election results at the NLN summit last week in Phoenix. Shultz said candidates are nominated and placed on a ballot that makes its way through a nominating committee. The committee then narrows it down to two candidates who run for the position. About 21,000 individual members and 1,400 nursing programs made up the total voter tally.

Shultz said nomination is based on previous involvement with the organization and other organizational experiences, like working on hospital and accreditation boards.

Being named President-elect means Shultz will serve two years in that position before becoming the President of the organization during the next two-year term.

Shultz said she is optimistic about all the doors that this position opens for her.

"There will be a lot of new opportunities, both for me and Harding's nursing program," Shultz said. "The position is one where you work very closely with the other officers of the organization and it's a very visible position."

Having an office means Shultz will be able to take part in what is called the tri-council, which is another organization that combines the presidents, president-elects and CEOs of the three major nursing programs in the U.S.

These individuals get together about four times a year to determine the agenda for nursing education and think of ways to obtain funds for nursing scholarships.

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Good News Singers



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Freshman Marcus Rozell, senior Mitch Martin and senior Rebecca DeRamus, members of the Good News Singers perform Tuesday during the Harding Lectureships. A different Harding music group was featured every evening before the keynote lecture.

Juggler, Acappella Return To Harding

By JEREMY WATSON
copy editor

The Campus Activities Board has two events lined up for this year's Family Weekend. While the two acts performing are not new to the Harding campus, both events have been popular in the past.

On Friday, Oct. 5, juggler Mark Nizer will be performing in the Benson Auditorium. Nizer, who has won multiple international juggling competitions and has been named the Comedy Entertainer of the Year by the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities, will entertain by juggling many exotic — and some dangerous — objects, including a flaming tank of propane gas, a running cordless electric carving knife and even 400 feet of toilet paper.

Acappella, a Christian vocal performance group with some ties to Harding, will be appearing the next evening, also in the

Weekend Event Schedule

Friday, Oct. 5:
Mark Nizer, Juggler
8 p.m., Benson Auditorium
Cost: \$8, free with the Pass

Saturday, Oct. 6:
Acappella, singing group
7 p.m., Benson Auditorium
Cost: \$4, free with the Pass

Benson. Many Harding students say they love Acappella because it was the music they grew up listening to.

"I love all their old songs that I heard growing up," junior Jacque Breuer said. "But a lot of their new stuff is good too."

Nizer's show starts at 8 p.m. Friday in the Benson, and will be \$3 or free with the Pass. Acappella is performing in the Benson at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, and is \$4 or free with the Pass.

Students, Aramark Reach Takeout Pact

Parties Find Additional Ways To Feed Homeless In Little Rock

By SAMANTHA HOLSCHBACH
assistant news editor

On Sept. 15, the Harding group that assists the homeless and plays with inner city children in Little Rock experienced friction with Aramark that has since resulted in the best interest of both organizations.

In past years, this Harding group departed for Little Rock on Saturdays before the cafeteria opened; now that the departure time has been pushed back, group members have access to the cafeteria before they leave.

Desiring to provide Little Rock's homeless with high calorie foods to endure their nights outside, several group members would attain take-out boxes in the cafeteria and fill them

with numerous hamburgers, muffins and other high-calorie fare.

"At that time, it wasn't a big deal," Zach Caton, the group's leader, said.

However, this changed on Sept. 15, when an Aramark manager questioned the actions of three group members who had loaded their take-out boxes with more hamburgers than they could reasonably eat in one sitting. The students were instructed to leave those take-out boxes and contents because they were in violation of a take-out rule that lets individuals pack just enough food for themselves.

Caton later met with Aramark managers and both parties shared their side of the situation with each other and reached a compromise.

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LEAH FAUST | The Bison

Sophomores Adam McKinzie and Tyler Covington play with some of the Little Rock area children they serve each weekend. Harding students visit various parts of Little Rock and often bring food and other necessities to the people. Students used to stuff takeout boxes full of food from Harding's cafeteria before driving to Little Rock but are now looking for new ways to help collect food.

TheNewsreel

Airport Victim's Death Remains A Mystery

After being placed in handcuffs in a Phoenix airport on Friday, Sept. 28, Carol Anne Gotbaum was found dead within five to 10 minutes of being solitarily detained. An autopsy conducted on Tuesday failed to pinpoint Gotbaum's death, whether it stemmed from police mishandling her or if she strangled herself.

The entire scenario started when Gotbaum, on her way to an alcohol treatment program, was arrested for disorderly conduct. According to the police, Gotbaum was late for her flight, expressing her anger to the gate crew who refused her admittance on the plane. Officers then handcuffed her and placed her, screaming, within an airport holding cell. When Gotbaum's screams ceased, the officers checked her, discovering her unconscious with her hands pressed to her neck.

A few more weeks of investigation are expected to reveal Gotbaum's cause of death.



GOTBAUM

Yahoo Search Engine Upgraded

In an effort to keep up with competing search engines like Google, Yahoo has announced that it has added new features to its search engine. The changes are the first noteworthy alterations in three and a half years, when Yahoo dominated the fundamental technology.

As part of these changes, the Yahoo search engine will provide a list of concepts associated with whatever an individual types in the query box. The main results page will also showcase more links to music, photos, and videos. Yahoo deems its music selection more comprehensive and extensive due to its embracing of its Flickr service. Also, Yahoo has already established a commercial system in which ads relating to one's search will appear; this "Panama" may generate more revenue for Yahoo with increased use. When applicable to a search, information from upcoming.org, Yahoo's calendar site, will highlight local happenings.

Though it has progressively lagged behind Google, Yahoo hopes that its search engine changes will reverse its current disposition.

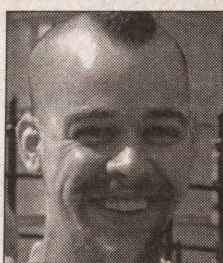
First World Grits Eating Competition Held

This Saturday, the first World Grits Eating Championship was held at Louisiana Downs, a competition in which the Northerners beat the Southerners in the top award places.

Within 10 minutes, Pat Bertoletti from Chicago downed some 21 pounds of slippery grits to snatch the title, which entailed a \$4,000 prize.

Bertoletti said that the competition "tested our stomach capacity like no other."

This competition marks the first time grits ever entered the Major League Eating circuit; the Southern dish is now secured as a food for competitions.



BERTOLETTI

Lethal Injection Process Scrutinized

This week the Supreme Court examined arguments that lethal injection, long considered a civilized way of delivering death to convicts, may be a "cruel and unusual punishment."

Suggesting that the issue stems from poorly-taught executioners, proponents of the lethal injection procedure said that the process's inhumane qualities have yet to be verified.

Conversely, others argue that lethal injection itself may indeed result in unwarranted pain. Such people point to the anesthetization process, which entails three dosage steps, which, if allotted in the wrong quantities or order could possibly result in the inmate's suffering without the ability to react.

As the Supreme Court studies a Kentucky case involving lethal injection this week, the hope is that a standard procedure for all states will be set.

TheWindow



Senior Brandon Stone leaps for a catch at the ultimate frisbee club sectionals held in Memphis, Tenn. The Harding Apocalypse ultimate team placed fourth in the event.

TheWATERCOOLER

"Your iPod can definitely get you hurt, or even killed, if you're not careful in public."

-Urban Institute researcher John Roman, referring to how recent FBI statistics demonstrate that iPods have triggered a rise in robberies, some of which have generated murders.

"Someone is going to walk in on him when he's doing it and we'll catch him."

-County Executive Allen Buechel, referring to the individual who has repeatedly stole six rolls of toilet paper per week from the men's restrooms within a Wisconsin government center.

"All nations should tackle climate change in the ways they deem best."

-U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, remarking on the Bush Administration's solitary stance when dealing with global warming as opposed to its inclusion with the Kyoto Protocol.

"It strikes a nerve in us that a lot of our firefighting brothers and sisters are being lost protecting structures."

-Bodie Shaw, deputy fire director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, on the decision of many western fire bosses to neglect burning homes if homeowners have not taken the necessary home fire safety precautions.

"The whole questioning about Chinese goods began in Panama with our deaths. A little butterfly in Panama beat her wings and created a storm in China."

-Panama City resident Dr. Jorge Motta, alluding to the China-made cough syrup that killed 138 Panamanians last year.

"Removing custody ... is the shock treatment that Britney Spears needs."

-Gloria Allred, a witness in Spears' court case revolving around the custody of her two children, on the temporary resolution to give custody to ex-husband Kevin Federline.

TheCALENDAR

OCT. 5

Family Weekend

Bisons Soccer
vs. Delta State, (W) 5 p.m. (M)
7:30 p.m.

OCT. 6

Family Weekend

Mark Nizer
8 p.m., Benson Aud.

OCT. 7

Family Weekend

Bisons Soccer
vs. Alabama-Huntsville (W) 1
p.m. (M) 3:30 p.m.

OCT. 8

Columbus Day

Mid-terms

OCT. 9

Mid-terms

ICC, 4 p.m.

OCT. 10

Mid-terms

TheNUMBER

60

— The number of pounds of grits that the top three winners ate at the World Grits Eating Championship on Saturday.

Students Serve, Bond In Zambia

By ALEX RITCHIE
student reporter

Seven time zones away, across ocean and in a different hemisphere, 24 students have broken new ground for Harding University's international programs.

Harding In Zambia began its semester last month, taking a handful of students to learn and experience life in the Namwianga mission. Unlike its European, Australian and South American counterparts, HIZ was developed to show students the need for medical missions and outreach giving them firsthand exposure to the African context.

"HIZ is truly an intercultural experience," sophomore biochemistry/molecular biology major Sky Vanderburg said. "We work and learn daily with Zambians who have stolen our hearts and given a unique picture of Christianity in the African context."

Like all of Harding's international programs, HIZ is structured with courses relating to the experience: African History, Anthropology and lessons on the native language of Tonga, among a few. However, the real lessons come in the encounters with people who live on the brink of life and death. Unified behind a call for service, the group bonded quickly.

"You get to know everyone well," sophomore Theatre Education major Tessa Tunnell said. "[We] depend so highly on each other because we all have times... It's hard to look into the face of a dying child and be worried about anything. The struggles these people face every day make our problems seem so minute."

The experiences outside of the classroom are what define Harding In Zambia. Junior Speech Pathology major Sarah Hackney begins her day at 5:30 a.m., and said there are a multitude of difficulties before the day ends around 10 p.m. She said the language barrier between English and Tonga is difficult, but is something that can be overcome.

"All of the people just laugh at us, but they love that we are trying," Hackney said.

Water shortage is a constant complication, along with undependable Internet connection and electricity.

"The power was out for the entire day," Hackney said. "A monkey got fried in the power lines in Zimba, so no power for us. This is Africa."

Despite these challenges, Tessa Tunnell said, "those seem to be the times that we have the most fun."

The group often finds time to unwind with exercise, including volleyball against members of the Zambian national team.

Once past the culture shock, the students wake up each day bound for service; Vanderburg said his days are "filled with joy and sorrow." Students at HIZ are actively involved with care for orphans and surgeries at the clinic, creating an intense attachment.

"We may not realize it yet," said Vanderburg, "but pieces of our hearts will remain in Africa when we leave."

As they bond with the people of Zambia, the students said they have seen the Lord's blessings in their lives.

"The way you see God when you come here is like no other," said Tunnell. "It is a blessing to be able to come here and help these people by being their friends, loving them and



photo courtesy of Farron Martin
Senior Krista Russell holds Trevor, a Zambian child. Russell and other Harding Students are the first group to study in Zambia.

helping them see that God is universal."

In worship at the Kisibi Church of Christ, singing and prayer are primary elements, though the congregation also called for an impromptu sermon from faculty sponsor Vann Rackley.

Underscoring all of this is unity, said Hackney, who was impacted by their unconditional love for one another.

"They have been good examples to me of what a church family should really look like. It's amazing," she said.

TAKEOUT: Rules Clarified

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"[ARAMARK] said it was a problem with a clarification of posted rules," Caton said.

The group will no longer be able to fill take-out boxes to the brim with more food than each can eat, as the take-out rules now outline, said Judith Hart, the Food Services Director of Aramark.

"We met with Zach and are more than willing to sponsor the group... that's what we're here to do—to support the university and students," Hart said.

As part of their support, Aramark has agreed to assist the group with providing food to the homeless, such as packing donated food in advance. Classic Fare Catering also gave

the group a contacts list of food organizations, such as the Arkansas Rice Depot, that are designed to assist those in need.

While the exact details of this food assistance have yet to be defined, the group knows that they have connections for distributing more food to the homeless people than before. Caton said that these connections will be explored at a later time.

Despite the tenseness of the circumstances, the outcome has benefited both parties: Aramark's take-out rules are clearer, and the Saturdays in Little Rock group has a means of distributing more food to the homeless—a win-win situation.

SHULTZ: Thanks Supporters

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They collaborate to solve issues facing nursing educators and students; they then approach Congress advocating for funds to support their ideas.

Vice-President of Academic Affairs Larry Long said he commends Dean Shultz for receiving this great honor.

"It demonstrates the quality and extent of her contributions to the profession of nursing, and especially, to the education of future nurses," Long said. "I am pleased to know that leaders in her profession recognize the dedication, hard work, leadership and scholarship that we at Harding

have seen Dean Shultz manifest through the years."

Shultz said that though she is honored and excited about this new step in her career, she could not have gotten this far without the support of the Harding community.

"I'm honored to be in the position and I could not have done that without the support of my academic vice-president Dr. Larry Long and President Burks and my faculty," Shultz said. "My faculty knows this means some shifts for them and they are willing to do it and I am really grateful for the support."

INTERNET: Balance Needed

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Cronk said one of the difficulties in organizing the Internet system at Harding is finding a balance between people who need to use the network for educational purposes—whether it's taking an online test or signing up for classes.

At the same time, there is an obligation to the people who live on campus who need the Internet for entertainment and social purposes.

"On one hand, you've got people in Armstrong who want to play Xbox and Halo 3, and it's slow," Cronk said.

"I've got someone in another dorm or off campus who wants to get in and take their Blackboard tests, and they're being held up by people playing Xbox."

"We've got this dilemma of balancing, 'What are we here for?' All those things are on the same network."

Quiz Bowl Team Takes First Place

By JEREMY WATSON
copy editor

Harding's Quiz Bowl team took first place at an invitational tournament at Oklahoma University in Norman, Okla., on Oct. 29. The team competed against four other schools and it was only one game during the tournament.

The other eight teams at the tournament were from Oklahoma University, Kansas State University, the University of Texas and the University of Tulsa, along with other teams from Harding. The team, made up of Jason Loy, Brett Keller and Grant White, finished with a 9-1 record, losing once to Texas in the initial round and then coming back to beat Texas to win the single-elimination finals, in which four teams competed. This was the first time the team won a game against Texas.

"We had never beaten Texas and we were playing with a three-win team," Dr. Mark Elrod, one of the team's sponsors, said. "Texas' win consisted of both grad and undergrad students."

"I was anticipating a second-place finish, based on our previous records against the other four teams. We were very happy to finish in first."

The Quiz Bowl team was formed in 2004 when several students approached Elrod to

"Hopefully the team's efforts to grow the game... will in some small way contribute to a better educated, more intellectual curious populace in the near future."

Jason Loy
senior, team captain

see if he would sponsor the team and Elrod agreed to help restart the program.

There had previously been a College Bowl team that had been disbanded due to a lack of interest about 10 years ago, but some of the Quiz Bowl team members said the number of people on the current team seems to stay constant, even with students graduating.

"The team has a fairly high turnover rate due to graduation and due to the fact that our recruiting efforts have been focused on upperclassmen," senior Jason Loy, the team captain, said. "It's been hard to gauge where the team is heading in the future; it feels like we start over every year or two."

"That being said, we have had a core of four or five members who have been with the team for a while, and that core can easily compete with

some of the best teams in this region of the country, including those that field several graduate students."

Due to team members graduating every year, the team always has several inexperienced players learning the ropes. Elrod said they try to give them opportunities to gain experience as much as possible.

"We will be going to OSU Stillwater for an invitational on Oct. 27; that's a tournament for first and second year players only," Elrod said. "It will be a good test of our newest team members."

Elrod himself has some experience with academic teams previous to the current one. While he was in college, he participated in College Bowl, and he also helped out with the previous Harding College Bowl team. At the time, Fred Jewell and Dennis Organ were sponsors.

Along with Elrod, Dr. Mike James, the head of the Communications Department, is a sponsor of the current Quiz Bowl team. Elrod and James both assist with practices, which take place in the basement of the Ganus Building, and travel with the team to their tournaments. James' secretary, Brenda Seawel, also helps with the team in planning and organization.

The Quiz Bowl team travels to about three tournaments a semester; they travel to mainly invitational tournaments hosted by other schools in the fall, and then in the spring go

to regional qualification tournaments for the chance to secure a seat at nationals.

Elrod said one of the reasons the teams do so well is the amount of time they get to practice because of the support of the school.

"The academic team is greatly blessed by the continued financial support of the Harding administration," Elrod said. "One of the reasons for the success of our team is that we get to spend more time practicing and less time doing fund-raising because the school is so generous to us."

"It also makes me appreciate what I learn more. In competitions, it's fun to see if you know the information faster than the other team."

The members of the team also said that they are willing to put in a lot of time because they enjoy the game and have an academic curiosity.

"Quiz Bowl exposed me to areas of academia often neglected in the high school curriculum, and surprisingly enough, even most undergraduate courses," Loy said. "I feel that at least at the level of passing knowledge, my cultural literacy surpasses that of the average undergraduate, and I owe most of that to Quiz Bowl and the curiosity that it incited in me."

"Hopefully the team's efforts to grow the game among high schools and other colleges in the region will in some small way contribute to a better educated, more intellectually curious populace in the near future."

Sing And Be Happy



NOAH DARNELL | The Bison
Senior Rebekah Slagle sings with the Belles and Beaux Wednesday night following the keynote lecture.



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Debate Team Gets Off To Strong Start

By JD Fugler
student reporter

William Jewell College of Kansas City, Mo., hosted the first debate tournament of the season on Sept. 23-24.

The tournament attracted multiple high-caliber schools from across the nation. Among the ranks were two teams from Harding. After consecutively competing in six rounds, both sets of debaters walked away with a 3-3 record.

The next tournament is scheduled for this weekend, Oct. 5-6, at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Mo.

"I didn't know what to expect coming into the college level of debate," freshman Neil Casey said.

"I competed in parliamentary debate in high school, but the college circuit is definitely different. The structuring and level of competition is more advanced. However, I plan to remain on the team for all four years."

College debate poses more of a challenge, which is the very reason why some choose to compete.

"From here, I can only see us getting better and better. I was extremely pleased with the results of the first tournament."

David Manes
junior

Debaters are forced to develop new cases for each round on hot topics on everything from plans on universal healthcare to troop reductions in Iraq, meaning those competing are required to keep an up-to-date understanding of current events.

"The intellectual stimulation is what I appreciate most," senior Steven Denney said. "I was recruited to the team by the captain of the team, David Manes, and have seen definite improvement in my rhetoric and organization since then. And I feel as if I am utilizing my weekends more effectively by participating."

Like with Denney, debate offers a chance to either try something new, which is why many of the team members are giving it a shot this year.

"In high school, I competed in policy debate and loved it," senior Sarah Sullivan said. "I just enjoy discussing policy. I had never seen a parliamentary round before starting practices."

"After the first tournament, I realized that this type of debate seems actually easier than policy, but I liked getting back into debate."

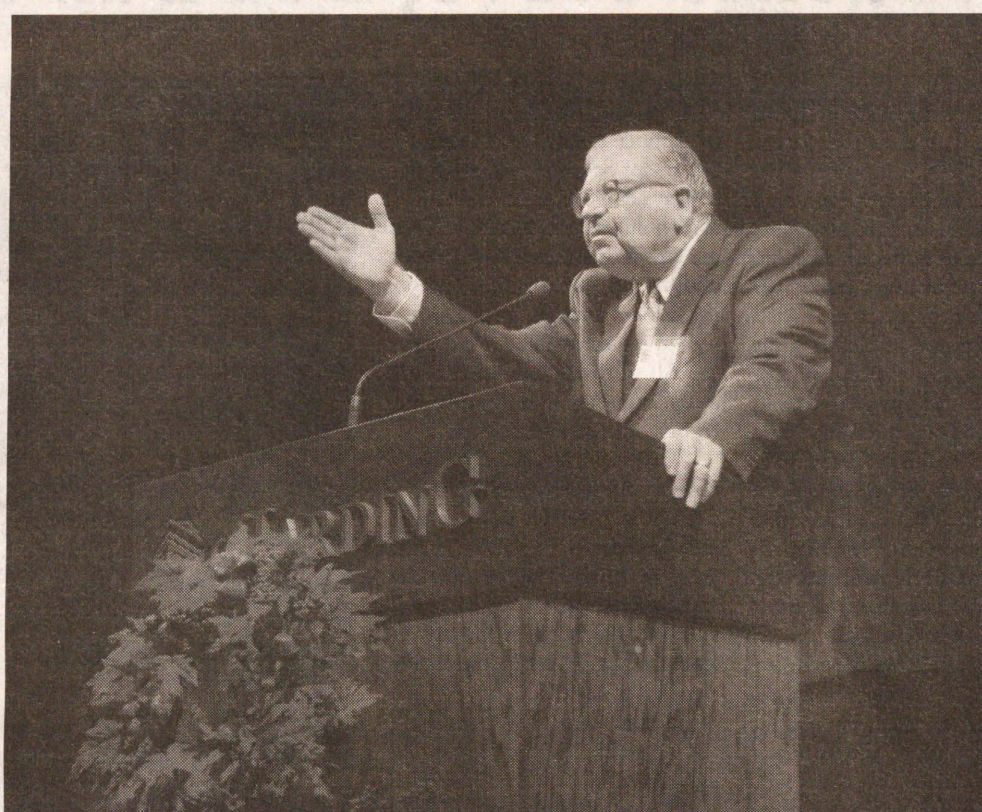
In order to prepare, meetings and practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday for two hours. The group discusses the headlines from the past week and often engages in mock debates as well, because the team is young and moderately inexperienced.

The teams are beginning to show promise as formidable opponents, but that has only been accomplished through weeks of dedication and work.

"From here, I can only see us doing better and better," junior David Manes said. "I was extremely pleased with the results of the first tournament."

"Getting to see the talent and potential of the teams excited me. We have come a long way since the beginning of the semester but we still have a long way to go."

Keynote Speaker



TAYLOR DURHAM | THE BISON

Don Vinzant speaks as part of this year's lectureship series on Tuesday evening. Vinzant's speech was entitled, "Near to the Heart of God: When I Have No Answers."

Students Help Abused Children

By CARA GUGLIELMON
student reporter

Harding's Social Work Community Practice Class, taught by Professor Kathy Helpenstill, is working with a Searcy Committee Board and other White County officials to help start a White County Children's Safety Center in Searcy.

The center will provide a safe place for children who are victims of sexual or physical abuse to be interviewed in a dramatically less traumatizing way than the traditional process of multiple interviews. Also helping to make this center a reality, local White County law enforcement, the prosecuting attorney's office, the Department of Human Services, therapists, medical personnel and others involved in child protection work will be working with Searcy's Committee Board and the Community Practice Class.

When a child is sexually or physically abused, he or she is generally required to go through a number of interviews, telling their story multiple times so they can get their case into court. This can traumatize the child and the child's family. Cases are often with young children, and since young children have difficulty keeping their stories straight, they often say different things as interviews progress. Those differences in stories are often used against the child in court. Even in cases where a child could recount the story the same way in multiple interviews, the child often gets in trouble at home for telling the truth about the abuse. Then the child often changes their story to avoid trouble at home. Getting a clear story is

especially difficult since the family or relatives are often the ones doing the abuse.

To prevent traumatization of children and their families and to help a child avoid unjust accusations in court about inconsistencies in their story, safety centers such as the one being built in Searcy provide a place where a child only needs to be interviewed once. A child will be placed with the sole interviewer—a trained therapist—in a room that has a two-way mirror with all the people behind it who need to gather information from the child to assist in prosecuting the perpetrator. The child will not see the other people, but those individuals will be able to communicate with the therapist through an ear microphone so that all needed information can be gleaned in one interview. The center will also record the interview on a DVD to use in court prosecutions.

Other services the center will offer include counseling families of children who have been abused and connecting the families with resources of people who can help them through the coping process.

The White County Children's Safety Center, which will be a non-profit organization, will be influenced by the work done in Lonoke at their Wade Knox Center. It will be operated in a house donated by Harding.

The students in Helpenstill's class have played a large roll in this progress. Split into nine committees, the students are "basically starting this program," Helpenstill said. Among their activities, students have planned the budget, pursued a 501(c)(3)

(non-profit organization) status for the center, researched nationwide standards for accreditation of children's safety centers, studied current goals and objectives and the center's effectiveness, developed fundraisers, coordinated what goes on inside the donated building, created commercials and a website, assessed what repairs are needed for the building and researched sources of funding—including grants—for abuse victims.

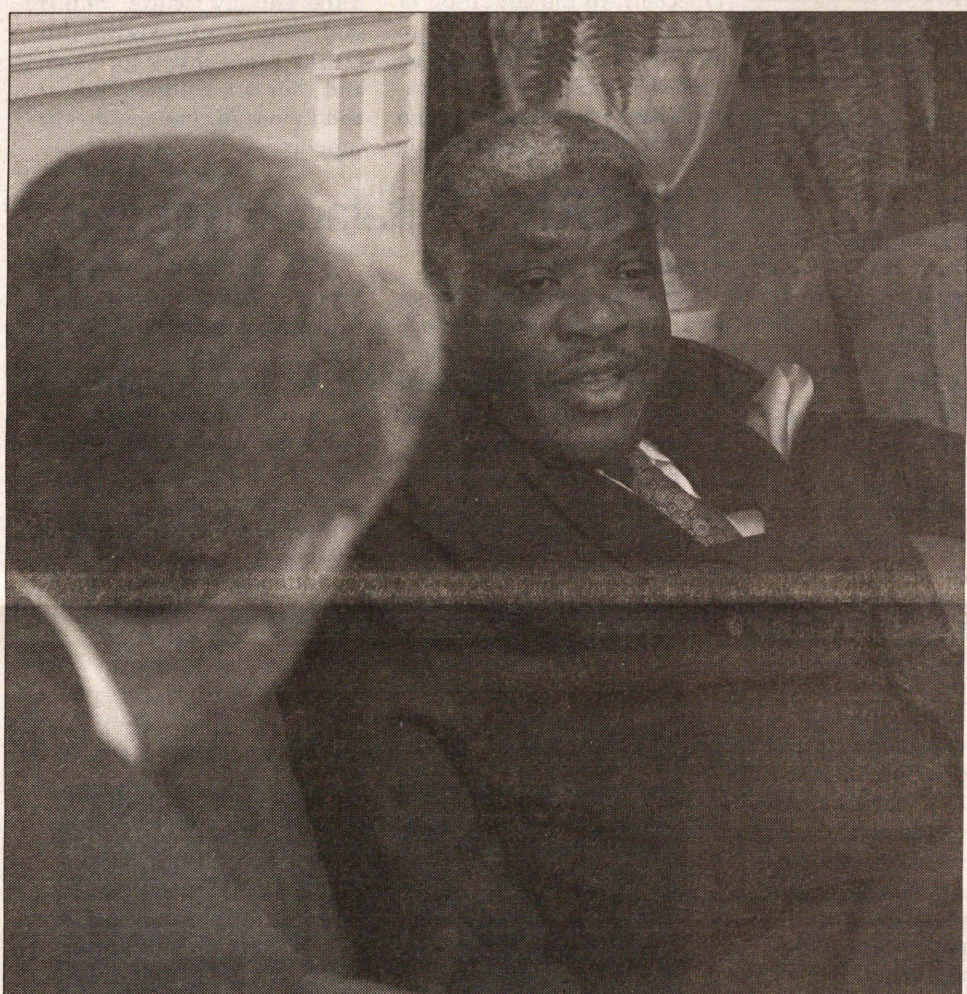
"It's a full-time job," senior Publicity Committee member Kristen Sober said. "I probably work on some part of it every single day."

Every Friday in class, the committees discuss their progress and updates and make plans. Students were required to form goals and objectives and turn in an updated "Goals and Objectives" sheet weekly to report on what goals had been accomplished. Additionally, each student must have 20 hours of work on the project outside of class and keep a journal of those hours and how the work affected them. The class has met with Searcy's board and is providing them with volumes of research that was overwhelming at first.

"Now that they're ... aware of what our class is capable of, and not that we have given them a lot of information ... they've had time to digest it [and] we're ready to rock n' roll," said senior Corwin Brown, and Chief Operations Officer for the committees in Helpenstill's class.

"[I am] excited and extremely proud of my students and what they have accomplished in such a short amount of time," Helpenstill said.

Let's Chat



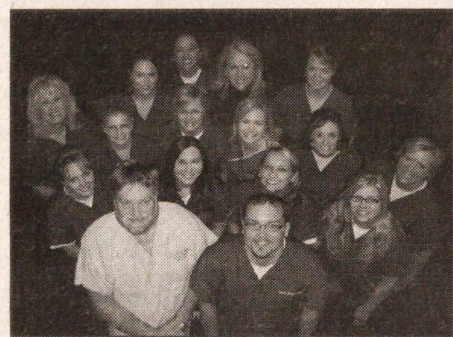
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Dr. Jeff Hopper, dean of the Honors College, visits with Zambian President Levy Patrick Mwanawasa before his presentation last Thursday. Mwanawasa spoke as part of the 2007-2008 American Studies Lecture Series.

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New Performance Art Center To Open Its Doors

By DANIELLE KANIPE
student reporter

"Thrilled" is the best way to describe the feelings of students and professors toward the new Ulrey Performance Center.

Named after Evan Ulrey, a past chairman of the Communication Department, the Center is a vast improvement from the old Little Theatre, which is located in the Administration building. In addition to sets and the theater itself, the new building will have a costume shop with over 1,000 pieces of clothing, scene shop, props, paint and makeup were all moved into the basement.

Professor Robin Miller called the situation "very problematic" and said he was thankful for the change in venue.

Jerry LaFevers, a junior theater major, said he is ecstatic for the new theater, namely because there are no stairs.

"Before we had to build flats and platforms in the basement to carry them two to three sets winding and narrow stairs," LaFevers said. "Now, not only are there no stairs between the shops and main theater, but also there are large garage doors so we won't have to take things apart just to get them inside. We are all very excited about that."

Harding had been looking to correct the problem for some time when the university purchased a hitaker Furniture Plant located on the edge of campus, and renovated the building with Danny DeRamus, Director of Physical Resources, leading the work.

Miller said DeRamus and his crew are doing "an excellent job."

Dr. Morris Ellis was the primary signer for the Center and "he is the one who really made this project work," Miller said.

Sarah Shipp, a senior theater major, said she would miss performing in the Administration Building but is excited for the new theater. "I'm excited and a little bit sad

to be moving out of the Admin," Shipp said. "There are so many memories in (and often on) that building. But the new building will allow for a lot of room for department growth."

Shipp will perform in "Arsenic and Old Lace", a murder comedy, which will be the first show to grace the stage at the Ulrey this fall.

Shipp said she hopes the new theater will attract more people.

"We have a bigger theater; we need a bigger audience," Shipp said.

LaFevers said he believes the new theater's future looks promising.

"I put my full trust into the professors who run the department and the students who are in it," LaFevers said. "With their talent, and God watching out for us, we have nothing to be concerned with."

Daniel Chalenburg, a senior theater major, said he was a little skeptical at first but also excited for the move.

"I found out about the new space and I was a little skeptical about it until I saw the plans from one of my professors, and now that I see stuff being built and finished in the new space, I'm getting more and more excited," Chalenburg said.

Another positive result from the move is the new availability of space in the Administration building for Information Technology services.

Chalenburg works for HTS, Harding's telephone company, and is looking forward to the expansion.

"Once the theater moves out of the Admin., it will be able to spread out and fill up the half of the basement that theater took up," Chalenburg said. "From my perspective it's a win for both sides."

The Ulrey Performance Center is a much needed addition to the Communication department for students and theater buffs alike.



TAYLOR DURHAM | THE BISON

The finishing touches are added to the Ulrey Performance Art Center Thursday. Replacing the Little Theatre that was located in the Administration Building, the new building provides students with a bigger and more efficient space in which to work. "Arsenic and Old Lace," a murder comedy, will be the opening play on Oct. 11. Senior theater major Sarah Shipp encourages everyone to attend. "We have a bigger theater," Shipp said. "[Now] we need a bigger audience."

Minding Your P's And Q's



TAYLOR DURHAM | The Bison

Dr. Bryan Burks hands out etiquette packets to Edwin Illescas and Chris Jordan at the College of Business Administration first Etiquette Dinner on Sept. 20. There were 62 students in attendance.

ASI Inducts Members To Distinguished Student Program

By TROY MARRS
student reporter

Speakers from all over the United States and the world have come to our campus to speak for the American Studies Institute Distinguished Lecture Series, including Nobel Peace Prize winners, prime ministers, radio and talk show hosts and many U.S. presidents.

They have spoken on topics of war, politics and religion and have reached not just Harding students.

The ASI program draws many from the town of Searcy, the surrounding area and even Little Rock to come and listen to the speakers.

Harding has received nationwide recognition because of this program and the speakers that it brings to the campus.

Though speakers and their presentations are the major part of what makes up the American Studies program, it is not the only opportunity it opens up to students.

The American Studies Institute Distinguished Student Program is an honor society much like Alpha Chi. In order to become a member, students must obtain a 3.9 GPA or enter college as a freshman honor student.

Dr. Bob Reely, associate executive director of ASI, said it is a prestigious academic program that expects many things from its members.

"The whole world is interested in studying America and the success we have," Reely said.

"To the ASI students, it's important for them to study America and what we've done right and what we need to improve on."

Reely said that he shared a charge with the new inductees that Abraham Lincoln used in his second inaugural address.

"Even we hold the power and bear the responsibility," Reely said, quoting Lincoln.

Michael Crouch is in his second year as the ASI student president and has been a member since his freshman year.

"We have a strong team of officers to work with, all of them in their second year as an officer. This makes getting the job done much easier," Crouch said.

Reely said the program still holds true to the traditions that Dr. George S. Benson set forth when the program first began, which are emphasizing godliness, patriotism and his three C's: constitution of government, capitalism, and Christianity.

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Pass Go, Enter Pin

Monopoly Sells Out To Plastic In New Electronic Banking Version

Here's today's newsflash on the dumbing down of popular culture. Monopoly — the Parker Brothers board game that has

taught millions of kids how to handle money, become Land tycoons and get out of jail — recently introduced an Electronic Banking version. Perfect for a generation of children who have used credit cards since they were in diapers, this simplified version uses debit instead of cash and has done away with all that fake multi-colored money. No doubt you are expecting me to explain why this is yet another sign that our culture is going to La-La Land in a fruit basket. Well, that is exactly what is going on. Mark it down as "Sign of the Apocalypse # 402": Monopoly no longer assumes that players can count.

As you may know, Monopoly was invented in 1934, during that period of ancient history known as the Great Depression. In an era where money was scarce and where few could realize the dream of fiscal glory, Monopoly gave the average player a handful of phony cash and an escape into the fantasy of being a land baron.

Even in the '70s, I remember how fun Monopoly used to be, and how everyone wanted to be the banker. The power, the prestige, the glory and the raw lust for money made the position of banker the greatest height to which a Monopolist could aspire. Having a stack of orange \$500 bills under his nose in that burglar-proof cardboard tray was as close to wealth as the average kid was likely to get. More importantly, the world of Monopoly was a cash economy that taught kids to respect, count and handle money. Even if the five dollar bills were pink, they were at least tangible and spendable.

Now the bank is closed, and an entire generation will grow up without the thrill of getting two crisp, flesh-colored \$100 bills upon passing "GO," or without the agony

MICHAEL CLAXTON

Guest Space

Mark it down as "Sign of the Apocalypse # 402": Monopoly no longer assumes that players can count.

of handing over \$50 in hard-earned cash to the gloating owner of B&O Railroad, or without watching in unbridled avarice as the stack of cash in the center grows and grows, just waiting for someone to land on "Free Parking" and claim it.

Instead, all that fake money will now become virtual fake money, as the next generation takes yet another small step away from reality and toward a complete, 24-hour virtual existence in which nothing real has to be touched and in which the only known tactile sensations will involve keyboards, button pads and credit cards.

Hasbro couldn't be prouder of this development. Its Web site boldly promotes the new Electronic Banker game: "Wheel and deal your way to a fortune even faster using debit cards instead of cash! All it takes is a card swipe for money to change hands. Now you can collect rent, buy properties and pay fines — with the touch of a button!"

The intemperate use of exclamation points merely rubs it in — Hasbro does not worry at all about the future of our children. The prospect of an entire generation unable to count cash or make financial deals without electronic mediation is just dandy, as long as kids can still swipe a credit card for \$39.99 to buy the game. And the fact that Monopoly's traditional game pieces — the shoe, the horse, the top hat — have been replaced with an flat-screen TV, an

Alto and a baseball cap only adds insult to injury. Now I fully understand that Monopoly has to find a way to speed up the pace of its legendarily slow board game. It is possible for a single game to go on for weeks. Hasbro has even come out with a "Speed Die Edition," and I'm cool with that. But for the sake of that poor 14-year-old cashier at the Dairy Queen, who may one day have to make change all by himself during a computer outage, let's at least teach him how to count out the rent at St. Charles' Place, with one yellow 10 and four white ones.

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Back And Bigger Than Ever

Hey there, cute stuff. My name is Aaron J. Rushton, and I put the "hunky" in "chunky". I'm a sixth year English major from Bon Aqua, Tenn., and I look really snappy in a pair of dark slacks and a bright shirt. I am a Virgo. I enjoy long walks in the rain and a nice batch of freshly baked — OK you know what? Nothing good ever comes of romance from a newspaper, so I'm just going to stop here and start over again.

Hey there! Welcome to FunBurger, home of the funnest cheeseburger in these here United States! I'm Aaron, and I'll be your FunBurger Buddy tonight! Can I start you off with a basket of Fried Tickle-Pickles or a Cheezey Sneezee? Our special tonight is — nope still hit.

Hi. I'm Aaron. I was here. Then I was gone. And now I'm back.

While I was gone, I got into some pretty crazy stuff. Like almost dating a home-less girl. Yeah. Totally not kidding around with that. It was a delightful look into the life of the street dweller that lasted over a period of five months and an entire summer job.

I also got into working overnight at a gas station, which — just so you can put all your questions to rest — is exactly as awful/awesome as it sounds.

I came to Harding University for the first time in the fall of 2001, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to conquer the world, four majors at a time. No, seriously — I was a quadruple major my first semester here. That lasted for almost a whole month.

I was under some pretty impressive illusions about the nature of higher learning at the time. And after all, my high school government teacher had managed to graduate with a double major in Political Science and History, and he was



AARON RUSHTON

Asleep At The Keyboard

on the same mental plane as most of your top-of-the-line kitchen utensils, so how hard could it be? (Very, in case you hadn't guessed the answer.)

So after fessed and one-year years here at Harding, I left. For a year and a half I was gone. In that time I learned two very, very important things, both of which had an immediate monumental impact on my life.

The first was "lefty loosey, righty tighty." The second was that the idea of going through the rest of my life without a college degree is unspeakably frightening, like an absinthe-fueled nightmare from the fever dreams of Edgar Allen Poe, or that part at the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" where the Nazis open the Ark of the Covenant but Indy and Marion close their eyes and then God melts the Nazis' faces off.

So the wheel turned a couple of times and I wound up once again at Harding University. The friends I'd made my first time here have all left, or else they stuck around and work here now.

That's a big motivator, really. The bright smiles of my friends who are now faculty and staff serve as constant reminders of my personal ineptitude and help to drive my desire to finish up and get out. Not that I'm jealous or anything. Perish the thought that a man of my outstanding moral fortitude would ever slink so low as to succumb to base feelings of jealousy or envy.

Stupid jerks with their jobs and

life-changing, upward-mobility enabling, finally-moving-out-of-their-parents'-house college degrees.

But whatever. The point is, I left college and tasted a very small amount of the real world. I had hardly pierced the crust before I reached the thick, gooey center, and found its fruits to be bitter, and tasting too much like the can they came in.

I didn't mention the other school, did I? Yeah, there was one of those. For a little while. And anyway, she wasn't important to me or anything, it was all financial, nothing emotional. I mean, it's not like I was cheating on Harding, we had already broken up by then. But you know what I learned? It's like the mid-to-late-1980s hair metal band Cinderella always said, "You don't know what you got 'til it's gone." So after a lot of weird phone calls where one, or usually both, of us wound up crying, I came back to Searcy with a box of flowers and a bouquet of chocolates, hoping to return to my first love.

And so my alma mater (which puts a really weird spin on that dating metaphor) welcomed me back with open arms. Open arms that immediately slapped me over the head for leaving in the first place and set my mind right with a healthy dose of double secret academic probation.

So here I am again, to give Harding University the old college try (tee-hee!) just one more time. Some things are different, some things are exactly the same. Like the caf. (And I totally dig long walks in the rain and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, in case you were wondering.)

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'Just Don't' Tell Me How To Drive

Are you the type of person who takes their cell phone into a movie with the intention of using it? Are you the type of person who insists on having conversations with your "study" partner in the library though there are numerous people around you actually studying? If you said yes to any of these, then this column has something to say to you: Just don't.

If you're thinking about cheering at any point the word "Texas" is uttered. Just don't. If you're ever thinking about justifying a mistake by claiming you had a "blond moment." Just don't. If you feel the need to tell me that the book was better than the movie Just don't. If you love to point out that you were a fan of a band before they were popular. Just don't. This column is seeking to help these people by respectfully pointing out these social calamities and hopefully, offering an

alternate route. Hopefully though, this can be a beneficial experience for the both of us. Mainly you, but whatever.

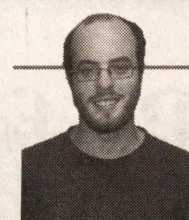
This first "Just Don't" is addressing people who, for some weird reason, are a little too confident about the quickest way to get from point A to point B.

We've all gotten directions from someone who really loves himself or herself for memorizing the highway numbers. And they throw them at you really hard. "Uh, just keep going down 48 and then you'll hit (they love the word "hit") 690 and just keep heading towards 106 until you come to 56 percent and the square root of 112." I also hear a lot of directional words like south and west. Do you have a compass on you or something? Do you follow the north star? I want to hear words and names! Tell me I'm going to head towards Memphis or I'm going to pass through Goopeer Bay. I know a lot of this is just my own

flawed sense of direction, and I also know that people are sometimes just trying to help. With that said, though, please stop. It's not helping me. It's only giving me motivation to look it up on Google Maps. Yes, I'll nod and pretend I know exactly what you're talking about. Yeah, I'm still going to get lost, but I usually time my trips with that expectation so BACK OFF! ...I'm sorry. I shouldn't have yelled at you like that. How crazy of me to assume something about you and then get angry when you don't fulfill that expectation. Oh wait, this sounds so familiar.

So in conclusion, when you feel the need to boast of your knowledge concerning shortcuts and/or your vast database of America's highways: just don't.

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TYLER JONES

Uncommon Sense

Honky Tonk Zedonkey Donk

Look past fall's cool breeze, the new smiles of freshman friendship and those white swings rocking the soon-to-be-engaged, and you'll see something often overlooked on Harding's campus — civil war. Both sides of the battle are demanding resolution, leading to graffiti on bathroom stalls to Facebook walls. This age-old issue has baffled philosophers since the beginning of time: Are we the Harding Bison or the Harding Bisons?

Inconsistencies in our newspaper, sports teams and T-shirts (featuring the buffalo that resembles a bowling ball with horns) have stirred a long debate over the word "Bisons" being grammatically incorrect. However, while most dictionaries don't recognize it, "Bisons" can be a rare plural form of "Bison" (and was the case when selected by Harding). But trying "Bisons" on Microsoft Word and you'll be met with an obnoxious red line that pierces the school spirit. Before I offer my exotic solution, consider other schools in Harding's Division II Gulf South Conference.

The GSC contains the most delightfully random mascots in the NCAA: the Monticello "Boll Weevils" and "Cotton Blossoms," Arkansas Tech's "Wonder Boys" and "Golden Suns," Southern Arkansas' "Muleriders," Delta State's nicknamed "Fighting Okra" and Western Florida's "Argonauts" — a mythical group of bitter Greek sailors. With the generic "Bisons," we join eight other universities (including that other Church of Christ school in Nashville) struggling with 2,000 hairy pounds of plurality problems. Since 1924, we've never been afraid to ask, "Can Harding do better?" So imagine this scene: It's Homecoming 2007 and instead of a bison charging the field endangering cheerleaders and journalists, one brave soul gallops out on Harding's new and improved mascot — the Zeedonk.

Just four miles from First Security Stadium, a Kensett man owns "Trouble," Arkansas' only known zeedonk. Before you log onto snopes.com to crosscheck this on urban legends, drive to the corner of Searcy and 4th street. It's impossible to pass the extremely rare hybrid between a zebra and a donkey without staring at the striped socks on his brown body. Also known as the zebronkey, zonkey, zebadonk, zenkey, zebrinny, deebra and, my personal favorite, zebrass, the animal gained national attention on Jay Leno's "Headlines" when he mistakenly corrected a carnival for advertising "zonkies."

The Thundering Herd Marching Band will become the "Preventing Zebrinnies," and other improvements will follow. What better time to correct the Bison/Bisons debate? Harding has new programs starting, a new head football coach, record enrollment and a new international program in Zambia — which has real zebras. At a university that highly values staying up-to-date on current technologies and resources, it's time to move on from the bison — a species that hasn't run wild in White County in nearly 200 years. The close proximity of an actual oat-eating zeedonk is unique and far exceeds the nearest buffalo — living in the Ozarks on a ranch called "Happy Buffy" where they are happily sold between hamburger buns.

With modern emphasis on shock value, much like in this article, the Harding Zeedonks are sure to be a YouTube sensation. After visiting with the local owner in Kensett last weekend, he told me of the radio and television stations interested in "Trouble." The Montel Williams Show has even contacted him for a segment on wacky animals — the ultimate dream for every mascot. And with the new Zaxby's Chicken coming to Searcy, they can have an employee stand on Race Street dressed as a zeedonk in a firework-proof suit. The children will love that.

Until then, who are we? Among students, there is usually a stronger connection with the squirrels on the front lawn than the unseen bisons. Watching football on Saturdays, I see (often freakish) devotion to mascots and school-spirit around the country. Is this possible at Harding? Obviously Harding's emphasis on athletics is prioritized differently than at public universities, but should football school spirit improve? We are 6,332 with a spiritual bond that is nearly as unique as the cross between a zebra and a donkey — how are we going to show it?

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THE QUOTE

"When I heard the boom I just thought that [the bullet] would have hit the ceiling, the window, and I just thought, 'Oh my goodness, he's going to think I meant to do that on purpose.'"

—Mary Winkler speaking to Oprah on Sept. 12 in her first interview since being released from prison

Babysitting For The Winklers

Student Reflects On Time Spent With Murdered Youth Minister

On June 20, 2001, Andrea Yates drowned her five small children in their bathtub and was immediately sentenced to life in prison with parole after 40 years. Five years later, she was deemed not guilty on account of insanity, and she is now currently residing in a mental facility in Texas. I remember seeing this story on the news and wondering if Andrea Yates really was insane when she killed her children. I thought about the devastation that her friends and family were suffering, and I asked, "What would it be like to be the friend of a murderer?"

Five years later my question was answered.

On the morning of March 22, 2006, I woke up to the words, "Matthew Winkler is dead, and Mary and the girls are missing." Matthew, a 31-year-old minister, had been murdered with a 12-gauge shotgun in his home in Selmer, Tenn. Known as "Wink" to me, he had been my youth minister at the Bellevue Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn., where my father had been the pulpit minister. Our families had worked side-by-side for a few years, and I had been one of their daughters' babysitters. I had participated in devotionals at Matthew and Mary's house, attended youth group lock-ins and spent time with them in our own home. Matthew and Mary were both present at my baptism in 1999 and were spiritual role models in my eyes. On the morning of March 22, 2006, I was in shock.

I honestly believed that someone had come into the Winkler's house, shot Matthew and kidnapped Mary and the girls. When I realized that Mary was

the one who had killed Matthew, I was in disbelief. I thought, "Why would anyone kill Matthew Winkler, especially Mary?" He was so magnetic, so energetic, so enthusiastic, so full of life, and now his life was extinguished. How could he be gone, and why?

I have followed the story for the past year and a half, and Mary has still not convinced me of her side. Mary served five months and spent some 60 days in a mental facility for first degree murder. I watched her interview with Oprah, aired on Sept., 12, 2007, and was amazed by her inability to look Oprah in the eye and by her loss for words. Through her trial, Mary has put all of the blame on Matthew, making it seem like he deserved to die. Instead of hearing about how truly terrible it is that Mary shot her husband, took the phone off of the hook and fled with her daughters to Alabama with a loaded shotgun in the van while Matthew lay dying in the house, we're hearing about accusations of physical and sexual abuse that we don't



CHARISSA COLLINS

Guest Space

And who is really more dangerous, a man who allegedly abused his wife or a wife that murdered her husband in cold blood?

even know are true.

The only real truth that we know is that Mary killed Matthew, whether it was premeditated or accidental, and whether Matthew was ever abusive or not. It was not self-defense because Matthew was lying in bed when she killed him, and he wasn't even able to defend himself from her. No amount of anger or rage or abuse that he might have had in him could be comparable to the amount of rage Mary had when taking his life. Matthew is no longer here to unleash the rage that he supposedly had, but Mary is still here, alive and well and capable of killing someone else. And who is really more dangerous, a man who allegedly abused his wife or a wife that murdered her husband in cold blood?

The bottom line is that nothing Matthew might have done made him deserving of death, and it was certainly not Mary's decision to make. I don't think that there will ever come a day when I believe Mary's story. I really believe that she knew what she was doing because Matthew was still capable being saved when she left the house. I still love Mary, despite what she did, but I believe that she is in need of a lot of help and much prayer. And even though she has avoided physical prison, it is my prayer that she will be able to survive the terrible mental and spiritual prison she will endure for the rest of her life.

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AMANDA PRUITT

The Fish Wrap

Our Unknown Days

Memorial services evoke a broad range of powerful emotions, the sorts of feelings people want to keep to themselves. Even the strongest of men rarely step up the podium without once or twice giving way to that halting, choked-up speech that sends the rest of the congregation to tears as they remember those who have left.

The laughter is just as contagious when a funny story is recalled. Between the joy and the sorrow is every other raw human emotion, including that awkward feeling when everyone stands in a single-file line waiting to greet the mourning family and not knowing exactly what to say.

Usually, a hug and a sincere look is all I can really contribute, though I still desperately hope to string together a meaningful phrase with more sincerity and conviction than one of those cheap sympathy cards from Wal-Mart.

Perhaps the silence is best. Really, what hasn't

already been said? Truth is, as much as I'd like to be eloquent, I

am also deeply terrified of stammering and fumbling words about that topic every living person knows but has never experienced: death.

People often tell the listeners that a final celebration is not for the dead; it is for us. A memorial service — especially when it is a person who "died young" — is really just a reminder of our own mortality. Those same people will often tell audiences that everyone has a time to die, a rather shallow revelation indeed.

If all races, creeds and cultures agree upon one reality, it is this: unless you happen to be a lucky man like Enoch or Elijah and are whisked straight into heaven, you will most certainly die. What is done before the end of your allotted hours, however, is what really matters.

On Sunday afternoon, I attended the memorial service of Jan Jones, a Harding alumna and a longtime musical accompanist on the piano. She fought a fast battle with cancer and passed away at 53.

Jan Jones was a woman who was beloved beyond measure by the Harding community and abroad. Not that life worth amounts to mere numbers, but at least 1,000 people were packed into the Administration Auditorium for her memorial service.

The scheduled speakers talked, and all exchanged those personal stories about how Jan Jones had baked cookies or accompanied the musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," while battling cancer in late July.

When I was a sophomore in high school, I went on Harding Academy's Chorus Tour. Craig Jones, Jan's husband, is the director, so naturally she accompanied him.

On the way back from the Grand Canyon, I caught a stomach virus, and I was keeled over a toilet at every stop from Phoenix, Ariz., to a Motel 6 in East Texas about 500 miles later. I remember how Jan Jones sat next to me for an hour at a Wal-Mart eye center in New Mexico during lunch break when she could have been eating anywhere else.

No one asked Jan Jones to spend the rest of her day looking for chewable Dramamine those long hours on the bus while Disney's "Aladdin" blared in the background, but I know she will always be remembered as a servant to me and to many, many others who have hundreds of similar stories.

No, memorial services are not for just remembering our own impending mortality. If anything, they give us a chance to think how we are using the unknown days remaining through which we can determine our legacy.

Saving the princess, becoming a world leader or doing great deeds for the good of all humanity rarely defines impacting the lives of others. Life is more often played out by encouragement and acts of servanthood, which are not always obvious and won't make the 5 o'clock news, but will be remembered forever in the minds of few.

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Greetings, You've Been Google-ized

Harding Embraces Google Apps And Brings Versatility To Pipeline

What is it about Google that is so appealing to so many? Is it that their innovative edge in this completely technology-driven culture constantly has everyone wondering what they will embark on and revolutionize next? Maybe. Could it be that the very name "Google" is developing into a brand as innovative as Nike and as commonplace as Coca-Cola? Possibly. Does it have something to do with the fact that their stock has reached over \$500 a share and is continuing to rise? Perhaps. Or could it be that the word "Google" is just fun to say? Absolutely!

It seems like everywhere you surf on the web you can't help but see that little phrase in some advertising column on a random website or that small logo next to that search engine box on your favorite blog, "powered by Google." But what is next?

Last year, Google decided to target the higher education market with a new product offering called Google Apps for Education. Basically they now have the ability to take over your Harding email account (your_username@harding.edu) and turn it into



MIKE BAURE

Guest Space

a Harding Google email account. (AKA: Harding Gmail)

Over the summer, the decision was made that Harding would move forward with this new product from Google. My team was tasked with making it work inside of Pipeline. We organized over 100 users on campus to test Harding Google Apps over the summer and practically all the feedback we received from these users was amazingly positive. So what was the next step?

On Aug. 1, we released it to everyone that has a Pipeline account. Anyone can now begin using Harding Google Apps in just a matter of a few clicks from the Pipeline "Home" tab. Since we went live, we have had over 3,000 users start using Google for their Harding email, calendar and other features such as Google Talk, for chatting with others inside the Harding domain, and the online docs

and spreadsheets tool.

Before Google came along, I would ask myself, "How many Harding students forward their email to some other account like Yahoo or Hotmail?" Now, I ask myself, "Who wouldn't take advantage of using Harding Google Apps and all the associated applications like Google Talk, calendar, docs and spreadsheets?"

Students, faculty and staff can now begin enjoying having an email address that is always accessible from anywhere in the world, completely state of the art, and now has the ability to be permanent. That's right: because Google is handling all the storage of our email, we have no need to delete Harding email accounts anymore. Once a student graduates, they will continue to have their Harding Gmail account for years to come.

Right now we are using two email solutions: Google and iMS (the old Pipeline email). However, by the end of this year, and possibly even before Thanksgiving, everyone will be using Harding Google Apps. Once this conversion takes place, I believe the real advantages will be able to be seen

across the campus.

Everyone will have a Google Talk account and use the calendar application which can be used and viewable by others, should the user allow it to be viewed. Just think how nice it would be to see the availability of your friends, coworkers and anyone with a harding.edu account merely by looking at their calendar in Google.

There was one thing that struck with me when I attended the first annual "Google @ School" conference at their "Googleplex" headquarters in Mountain View, California a few months ago. I heard an IT staff member from Stanford University say, "Google is setting a curve for this industry that no one can compete with. They can dish out far more quality innovation and do so much faster than all their competitors. Why wouldn't you want to be on this train?"

We at Harding University are now live with Google and I, for one, am ecstatic we are here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flyer Debate About Tasteless Advertising, Not Abortion

LETTER POLICY

The Bison welcomes your views on issues of interest to the Harding community. Letters to the editor from students, faculty, administrators and the Searcy community are encouraged.

Letters to the editor may be submitted to HU Box 11192 or thebison@harding.edu

The Bison will no longer be publishing letters on the "Flyer Debate." Thank you for contributing.

On Sept. 14, the Bison printed my letter to the editor in which I suggested that the College Republicans publicly apologize for the tactless flyer they posted on campus, which purported that Democrats kill babies. I neither commended nor condemned the College Republicans' views on abortion, yet both Pete Davidson's and Dr. Jimmy Allen's responses assumed the latter.

The two responses, printed in the Sept. 28 edition of the Bison, completely ignored the actual point of my letter. Student organizations at Harding University must rise above the indecate, graceless forms of advertising that are commonplace in today's society. Whether or not the political standing purported by the insensitive tagline is supported by Christianity, whether or not the president of the College Republicans used the tagline to increase attendance of his organization's meeting — the ends do not justify the means.

I am a Democrat, and I do not kill babies. Saying that I kill babies is a lie and is incongruous to the teachings of Christ. Dissent from a law banning abortion is not un-Christian. What I do not support is the merging of religion and politics. I also do not support the Crusades, nor do I support the Inquisition or any other atrocious consequence of the denial of religious freedom.

In his response to my insistence of an apology, Pete Davidson, the president of the Harding chapter of the College Republicans, superciliously refused to apologize, claiming the moral right in the matter. I amend my plea for an apology from the College Republicans for posting an inflammatory statement on a flyer, and would hope for an apology on behalf of Davidson's sanctimonious rationale in defense of the flyer.

—CHRIS BERRY, Sophomore

Open Dialogue Must Be Promoted To Understand All Perspectives

Without arguing either way, I would like to offer some observations related to three recent letters about a Campus Republicans proclamation.

There are Christians who believe that a blastocyst is not a human being and that the "morning-after-pill" is a legitimate form of birth control. There are Christians who believe that terminating an early pregnancy is not taking a human life. Legislation does not necessarily put an end to those things of which legislators disapprove. Some would say "I'll vote Republican when they stop planning to force women who want an abortion to have one in an illegal and dangerous back-room clinic."

Many difficult questions surround the discussion of abortion. I suspect that a number of them are worth serious discussion and that polemical assaults from either side dishonor that discussion. I am not in favor of abortion. I am, however, in favor of grace, dialogue and kindness.

We infer that there were those in the early Roman church who abstained from eating food that had been offered to a pagan god; those who did not follow that practice they disdained, calling them "idol worshippers!" The meat eaters, in turn, accused those who abstained of binding artificial restrictions.

While their disagreement did not deal with the sixth commandment, it did involve the first and second, and it must have created strong feelings. Paul's response was to encourage each group to accept the other, with the understanding that each was making decisions based on a relationship with God.

If we are to equate political affiliations with realpolitik outcomes, we might consider that there are Christians who think it's just as wrong to kill Iraqi citizens as to kill babies. But rather than accusing each other of wanting to kill innocent Iraqis or innocent fetuses, perhaps we should talk with each other to see exactly what we mean.

—CLIFF GANUS III, Professor of Music



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"If God wants me to stay in America, then I will stay. ... it's not decided by me, but by Him."

International Alum Becomes Arkansas Teacher

By CARA GUGLIELMON
student reporter

I am nervous. As my heels click down what seems to be the Foreign Language corridor, several sharply dressed African American employees pass the rows of lockers on either side of me and barely acknowledge me with a nod.

Reciting the room number in my head, I finally find 110 and peek through the glass. A young, petite Chinese woman inside notices me, smiles and moves toward the door. She is a Chinese language teacher at Hall High School in Little Rock, and I am coming to observe her class. I hug her after she lets me in, then turn to face the students.

"Hey!" the woman speaks to get the class' attention. She introduces me and tells the class what I will be doing; then has them tell me hello in Chinese.

"Ni hao, Cara," they say, a jumble of teenage voices filling the air. The room buzzes with excited energy. It's a Friday, and it's going to be interesting.

This is the classroom of Penny Chen, the only Chinese teacher at Hall High School in Little Rock. A recent graduate from Harding's first graduating class of Chinese exchange students, Chen came to Harding from the Jiangxi Province in southern China. With a bachelor's degree in English from Harding, she now teaches Chinese to high school students in Little Rock, will begin teaching English grammar next Monday, and is pursuing her masters degree in secondary education at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She also works part time as a student assistant in UALR's Arkansas Global Programs, participating in the project, "Bringing China to Arkansas."

Less than a week after the classroom visit, while dipping home style Grillworks fries in ketchup, Chen sits at a booth in Harding's student center and explains how she ended up teaching her native language to teenagers in Arkansas' capitol.

"At first I didn't feel ... strongly ... [about] what I wanted to do," Chen explains. "At Harding, I always [saw] people go to Africa or Honduras ... or some other country to help other people."

Like most college students, Chen didn't know what career path she wanted to pursue. As she observed the missionary and service work of Harding students, she was drawn toward what she saw as a meaningful path of life.

"I feel like if I serve people, I will be more happy instead of [making] a lot of money," Chen continues, munching on another fry. "The longer I [stayed at] Harding, the more I [wanted] to be a teacher. I don't know why. In China, I [hated the thought of being] a teacher."

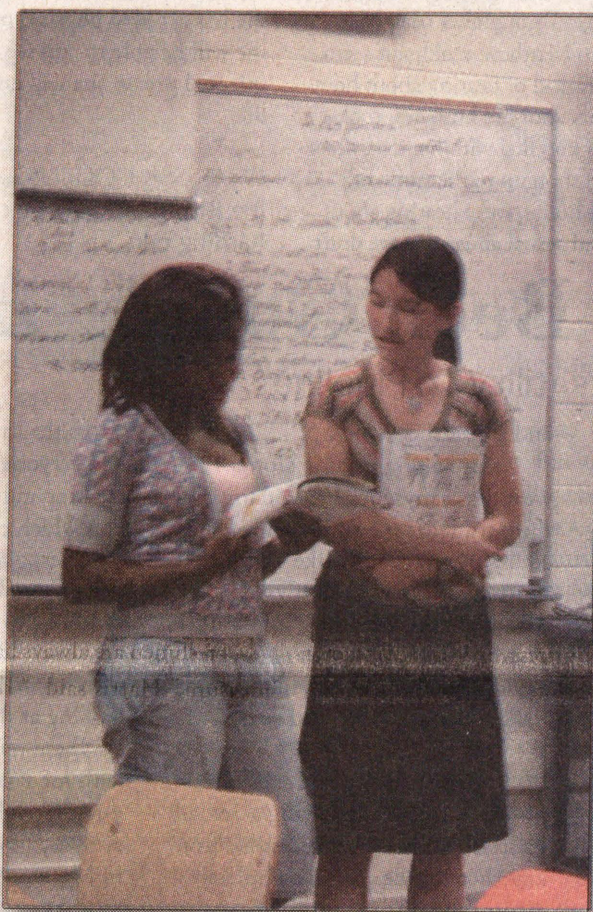
Instead of returning home to China after graduation, Chen contacted friends and schools to find an opening for teaching Chinese. After two months of searching, she had found a big market in Oklahoma for Chinese language teachers and assumed she would be a teacher there. Despite her extensive search and the seemingly open market, she was not finding a teaching job. Her money was running out. With less than \$300 of her own, she couldn't afford to rent a place to live.

Not surprisingly for what she had accomplished thus far, she was independent and didn't want to ask her parents for more money after graduation.

"When I was [about to] feel helpless, [I] talked with one of my friends and Ken Tillman and moved into his [and his wife's] house," Chen says.

She says that though she had a place to stay, she talked to her friend and was advised to find a job. After a night of thinking, she called her friend in the morning and began the job search anew. Only this time, it was for anything. Finally, she got a job in a Japanese Steakhouse and Sushi Bar in Benton. This was good, but she still didn't have her teaching job.

"One day, Ken Tillman called me, left a voice message, and told me [there was a] school open [that] needed a Chinese teacher [and] they



wanted to meet me as soon as possible," Chen says. She moves on from her Grillworks fries to tackle the giant burger. "The next day I went at 9 a.m. and got an interview with [the] principal Mr. John Bacon. Sausage, my students call him."

At this, I burst out laughing. Speaking in a second language cannot mask Chen's constant sense of humor. She has the perfect personality to teach high school students. She offers me half of her burger, but I protest and want to know if she really is not hungry.

"It's for [a] cow!" Chen says. "I'm not a cow!"

She gets up and returns with a tray and black plastic utensils, cuts the burger in half, offers me one half and resumes her story.

"They told me they could let me start to work in the following week," Chen continues.

Chen had much help from her friends and Anna Janik, the International Project Manager for the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, in securing this job. She

is unsure about what will happen in the future, but is not uncomfortable with that.

"I told my friends I don't make long plans because my Dad told me, 'Everything happens every day, so don't think too much before tomorrow comes,'" Chen says. "A lot of my friends ask me, 'Are you going to stay ... [or] go back to China?' [I say], 'I don't make long [plans]. If God wants me to stay in America, then I will stay. If He wanted to send me back to China, I would love to, because my family is there. So it's not decided by me, but by Him.'"

Chen says she feels God has been at work in her life for a long time. He brought her from China, where she and her family were not Christians, to a Christian University where she eventually decided to become a Christian. God has not left her helpless.

"In 48 hours I found my job, [a place to live, a car] ... some miracle," Chen says, matter-of-factly as if she's accepted that God has helped her and will help her again. "... I don't have a car and [the] family that offered me a place to stay also told [me] they [would] let me use their car."

Being a Christian among Chinese friends can be difficult, because not many of her friends understand her decision. But Chen's faith is simply accepting: she believes what she believes and calmly proclaims what God has done for her. I see an unwavering faith in her, full of peace, and it is attractive.

"I remember one time I was having dinner with my other Chinese friends," Chen says. "They [asked] me, 'You do believe in God?' [I answered,] 'Yes. If not, how can you explain what [happened with my job, living arrangements and transportation] in this 48 hours?'"

With her strong faith in God, Chen exudes confidence and a light-hearted approach to life. Her students

seem to sense her charisma and feel comfortable around her. When I had sat in on her Chinese language class, I had overheard one student saying to another student, "This class is awesome. ... I've been wanting to take Chinese forever." Students appreciate the class and trust that Chen is eager and willing to help them learn, as I realized when they were often asking her how to say certain words in Chinese. One student, Chris Chatman, said he enjoyed most of all the Chinese names Chen gave to each student. His Chinese name is Cha Ke.

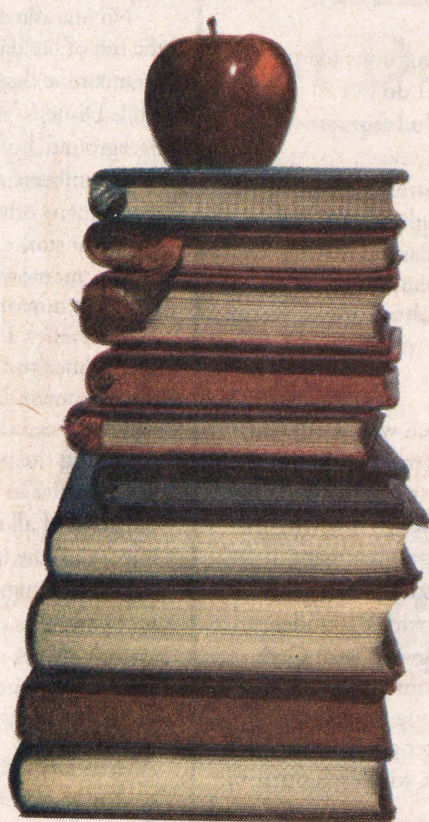
Although most of these students are taller than Chen and she is a minority among the mostly African American and minimally Caucasian classroom, she is confident as she engages each individual and always has laughter sparkling beneath her eyes. Even after these first few months of teaching, she has already learned to adjust her approaches and work with students at their own pace.

"At first I [wanted] to teach everyone the same," Chen says. She looks intent and I can tell she takes her job seriously. "I didn't want anyone left behind. Later, I found out it's impossible."

Chen hopes her success will be an encouragement to other students.

"It's a chance ... and it's ... maybe [an] inspiration to someone that there are some chances for Chinese students," Chen reflects. Being from the first group of Chinese students to graduate from Harding, Chen hopes her employment as a teacher will help other Chinese students see that they can find jobs in America.

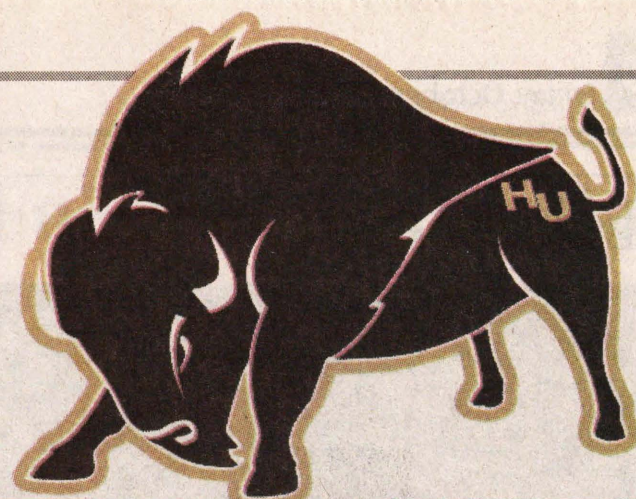
As I walk out of the Student Center, Chen's vibrant, smiling face is painted in my mind. She is living each day with joy, taking full advantage of it and sharing that joy with other people, following Jesus' admonition in Matthew 6 to, "not worry about tomorrow, for today has enough worries of its own." Her father told her this truth, and her Heavenly Father is helping her live it every day, whether she is teaching in the classroom or commenting on the enormous size of Grillworks burgers. I don't think Chen's students, Harding friends or America will have to say Zai Chien (Chinese for "goodbye") any time soon.



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BRANDON HIGGINS

The Payoff Pitch



All Shook Up

Oh, how a week of games can make a difference in the college football rankings. How about a slight run-down of the week's happenings in the world of college football — where turf can be blue and Buffaloes can slay Sooners.

Seven of the top 13 teams in the country lost this weekend, including three of the top five and five of the top 10. Colorado rallied in the second half to stun a seemingly invincible Oklahoma team, while Florida lost to unranked Auburn and West Virginia fell to the mighty South Florida Bulls.

Don't think I'm being facetious when I use "mighty" to describe South Florida. The Bulls have vaulted all the way to the six spot in the Associated Press poll, which is their highest ranking in school history. Their victory over the Mountaineers was their second in as many years, giving other teams in the Big East the message that the Bulls are here to paint the conference green and gold.

Speaking of teams who have lost unexpectedly to the same team two years in a row, the Texas Longhorns fell at the hands — or claws — of the Kansas States Wildcats again. The funny thing is that KSU didn't barely pull out a last-second win; instead, the Wildcats thrashed the Longhorns to the tune of 41-21. Maybe that will partly silence the burnt orange contingent here at Harding, but I doubt it. A Longhorn upset was inevitable after the mediocre football they played early in the season against less-than-stellar teams. Unless, of course, Arkansas State qualifies as an upper-echelon squad; I mean, they've had some pretty good showings in the Sun Belt Conference lately.

If you couple the Texas loss with the Oklahoma loss, the Red River Shootout kind of loses its edge; in fact, it kind of becomes the Cry Me A Red River Shootout. Perhaps Kansas State and Colorado can play against each other in their place so the two Big 12 South schools can take a week to pout.

And how about the Big 12 North pulling off the big upsets this week? Not only did the "inferior" division beat two top 10 teams, but they now boast three teams in the top 25 in Missouri, Kansas State and Nebraska. Does that mean the North division is better than the South? No, but it's fun to talk about since the North has caught so much flak in recent years.

Do rankings really matter? Of course not. They're merely an argument waiting to happen and they rarely ever pan out at the end of the year. For instance, I'm going to say that there's a pretty solid chance that Kentucky — though they are solid — will not finish the season in the top 10 (they have LSU and Florida coming up soon). What matters is who is at the top at the end of the season. Will it be LSU? How about California? Maybe USC?

Or maybe it will be those mighty Bulls from South Florida.

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Harding Soccer Is Optimistic



CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison

Senior forward Kendyl Washburn looks to score in the Sept. 9 game against Austin Peay out of Memphis. The Lady Bisons defeated the Division I Lady Governors, and they — along with the men — look to build on big victories for the remainder of the season.

Bisons And Lady Bisons Deal With Adversity While Playing Their Hardest

n Soccer teams are optimistic about the remainder of the season.

By CHRISTOPHER O'DELL
student reporter

Both the Bison and Lady Bison soccer teams are currently below .500 for the season; however, Dr. Greg Harris, head coach of both teams, remains optimistic for each team's future and believes success is closer than most think.

"They're starting to play hard each and every day," Harris said. "I can't ask anything else of them."

Harris continues to emphasize that despite losing records thus far in the season, each team plays hard every time they step out on the

soccer field. The hard work that Harris stresses will be a key factor for each team's remaining season and even future seasons.

"We're not getting all the results that we want right now," Harris said. "The only thing I can do is coach hard, and the only thing they can do is play hard."

Those results include a 5-7 record through 12 games for the women's team and a 3-8 record through 11 games for the men.

The Lady Bisons began the 2007 season ranked second in the GSC Women's Soccer Preseason Coaches' Poll and had four out of the 12 members of the preseason All-GSC team. However, despite their preseason ranking, the Lady Bisons also came into the season with 17 freshmen, making this year's team a very young and

inexperienced one.

"Freshmen are always hard to measure," Harris said. "They're still developing right now and, they continue to improve as a group."

The men's team is not as young and inexperienced as the women's, but injuries can sometimes be just as difficult.

The Bisons suffered a loss early in the season when last year's scoring leader, Brock Williams, was sidelined with a leg injury.

"Losing a player, a person and a leader like Brock hurts the whole team," Harris said.

The absence of Williams, however, has meant that teammates have been stepping up and taking on more vital roles.

"We've had some players step up and jump right into leadership

roles on this team," Harris said.

That kind of attitude is something that will be crucial for each team's remaining season. Harris believes that if each team continues to work hard and put out the effort they've displayed so far this season, success will be inevitable.

"We're going to win some, and we're going to lose some," Harris said. "But if we continue to work hard on and off the field, we should win more than we lose."

Both the Bison and Lady Bison soccer teams look to maintain their impressive work ethic, and remain optimistic that the hard work they put into the season will help overcome such adversity as youth, inexperience and early-season injuries.

The Lady Bisons will host

Head Coach Dr. Greg Harris

• In his seventh season as head coach for Bisons and Lady Bisons.

• Was named the Gulf South Conference Women's Coach of the Year three times (03, 04, 06).

• While playing soccer at Queens college, he and another goalie shut out 14 of 17 opponents in a season.

Delta State today at five, and the Bisons will follow that game with a 7:30 contest against Delta State. The Lady Statesmen are 3-9, while the men are 5-5-1.

Volleyball Starts GSC Schedule

n Lady Bisons hit the conference slate and hope to repeat success.

By DEREK MCCORMICK
student reporter

The Lady Bison volleyball team is off yet again to another great season. The team is 3-0 in the conference, having defeated Southern Arkansas, Arkansas Tech and Christian Brothers.

"Hopefully we can pull out another 12-0 conference record like we did last year," said Meredith Rosenbaum, a senior communications management major from Indianapolis.

She also pointed out that keeping a perfect record in-conference is the team's main priority right now.

"We're starting off conference on a great foot. We're hoping to go undefeated and win the West again this year," said Katelin Parks, an exercise science major from Stanwood, Wash. "We have a lot of potential as a team . . . we have really good depth on the bench, which helps us a lot during practice and also during matches."

Parks said the team has great

court chemistry because of a group of seven returning lettermen — including Parks, Rosenbaum and Leah Tepe — and new girls who step up and play hard.

Rosenbaum said the team has had its ups and downs, but she is confident in every girl on the team. She said that team chemistry has played a big part in helping them to close out games and put teams away this season.

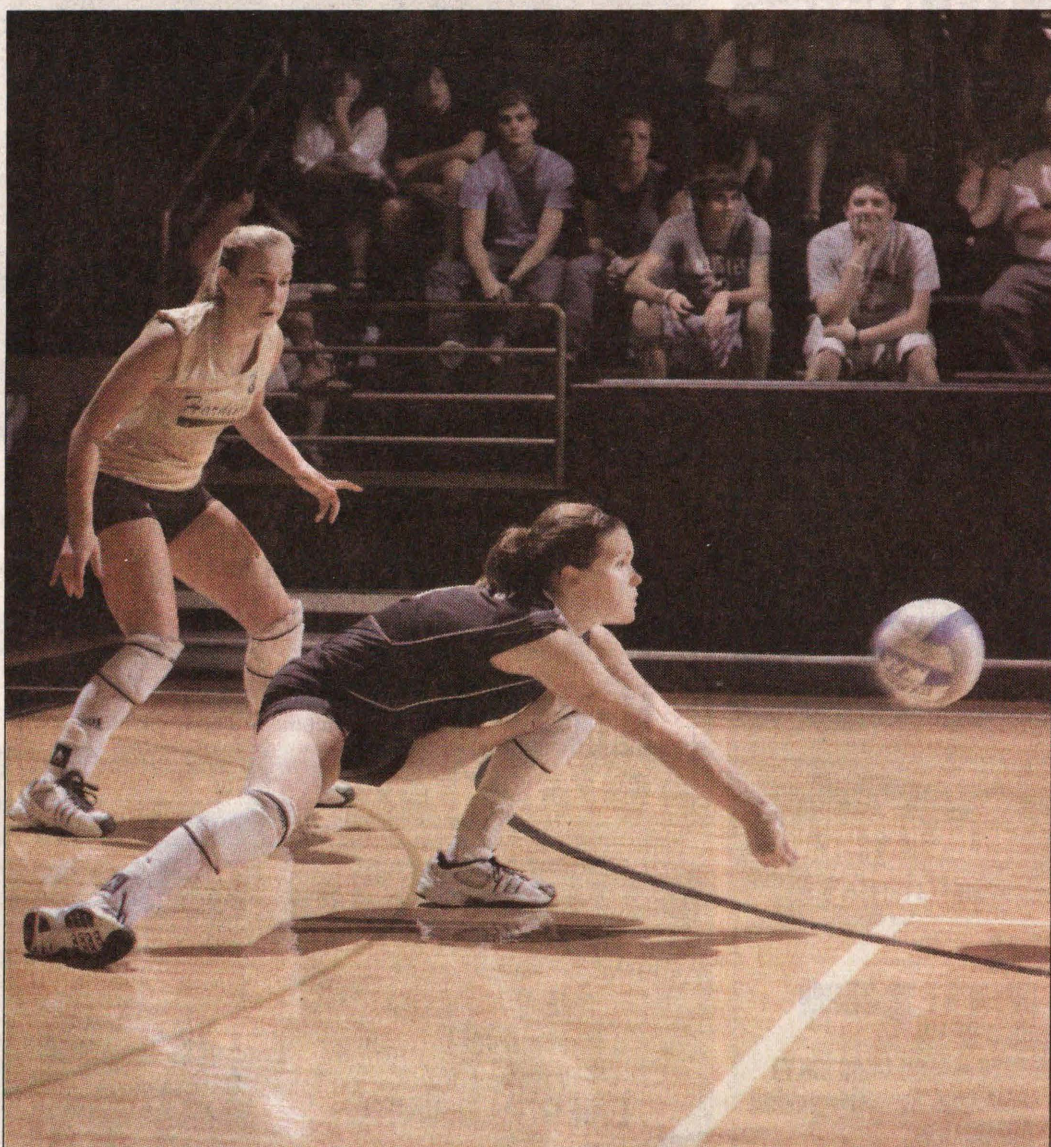
Though the Lady Bisons have had a few non-conference losses this season to teams such as Barry, Washburn and Missouri Southern State, Parks still has a positive outlook.

"We don't take those as bad losses," Parks said. "We've learned a lot from them and are definitely better for it."

Parks also spoke of how the hard work that the Lady Bisons have put in is shining through in their matches.

"We can see in our matches that the things we do are working and paying off," Parks said. "We set goals for our team, and coach [Keith Giboney] is great about helping us realize our potential and achieve those goals."

"We usually practice according



CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison

Senior libero Meredith Rosenbaum records a dig against Eastern New Mexico in a Sept. 8 match. Rosenbaum had 28 digs en route to a 3-0 Lady Bisons victory.

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A Bevy of Bisons



CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison
A swarm of Harding defenders brings down a North Alabama player on Sept. 27. The Bisons are looking to use their powerful offense to post wins in their tough conference schedule.

Volleyball: Schedule Is Getting Heated

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to two things: first, we try to work on any recent struggles, and second, we practice according to our next opponent," Rosenbaum said. "We always try to play game to game and never overlook any team that we play."

Parks said that the team has

hopes of going undefeated in conference, winning the GSC West for the sixth consecutive time, hosting the conference tournament (a privilege given to the West champion this season) and qualifying for the NCAA Division II national tournament.

"The plan for the rest of the

season is to keep rising to our potential," Rosenbaum said.

She said that there are always improvements that can be made, and they need to continue to improve until there are no more games left.

The Lady Bisons will play today at home against UAH.

Cheating In Sports A Big Issue For Some People



Michael Crouch

Guest Sports Column

Here at the University, we have a new Academic Integrity Policy. I think it's a good idea.

I was reading through the catalog to see what it prohibits. If you're a baseball fan like me, you might notice it is missing something.

If we took a simple reading of the new code, we would notice that it does not prohibit academic performance enhancing drugs. Have we not reached an age when we can all compete on a level playing field without the use of brain steroids?

Perhaps you sense the sarcasm. However, I would propose that this example is not far-fetched from the sports landscape we find ourselves in today. Cheating is the black-eye of every major sports league in America (excluding the NHL, but come on, who cares?).

Following sports over the past weeks, you've most likely heard about "Spygate" and the trouble Patriots' coach Bill Belichick is in. His coaching staff was caught using "advanced technology" to record the plays of the opposing New York Jets. If this doesn't make sense to you, think about that friend you had growing up who would always look at your controller while you were calling

plays on Madden. Exactly. This sort of cheating is a sin against humanity.

Oh, and for the record, the Harding Academic Integrity Policy does cover this offense.

What is the punishment here? Well, Belichick was fined \$500,000. Excessive you think? Hardly. Here is the trick: coaching salaries are not regulated in the NFL. The Patriots' ownership could simply write him a check for a bonus of the same amount — they might even give a larger bonus for winning the game! Oh, and the team was fined the same amount. Sorry to all Patriots fans who will be paying higher ticket prices next season.

But let's switch to a sport that is more serious about their cheating — in a bad way. America's past time is baseball — home of the corked bat, the stolen sign and the spitball.

Baseball is the poster child of cheating in sports. In fact, while other sports leagues have older performance enhancing drugs testing policies, baseball certainly gets more coverage. And to go along with this scandal, we have the names of players. While the likes of Rick Ankiel might not be as well known to most people, everyone by now surely knows the name of Barry Bonds, who has been suspected — but not convicted — of using performance-enhancing drugs.

When Bonds broke the home run record this year, there was a national outcry for someone to clean up the game of baseball. Where was this cry in the history of the game?

For many Americans, sporting events are a way out of real life. But who wants to watch a tainted game?

Over the past 100 years of baseball, cheating has taken different forms. Except for gambling, baseball with a wink and a hand shake has swept its history under the rug. Sure, the different stories will dominate the sports shows like "Pardon the Interruption" for a few days, but it blows over.

Not so with steroids.

It has become such a big story that the U.S. Senate appointed George Mitchell to lead an investigation, which is ongoing.

Some might ask: Why the concern? What's the big deal here?

Well, the simplest answer to this is that it affects our future and our passions. For many Americans, sporting events provide a way out of real life. But who wants to watch a tainted game? Also, these are role models and public figures. Whether we like it or not (and we probably would side with not), they have influence.

Perhaps even enough influence to affect an Academic Integrity Policy.

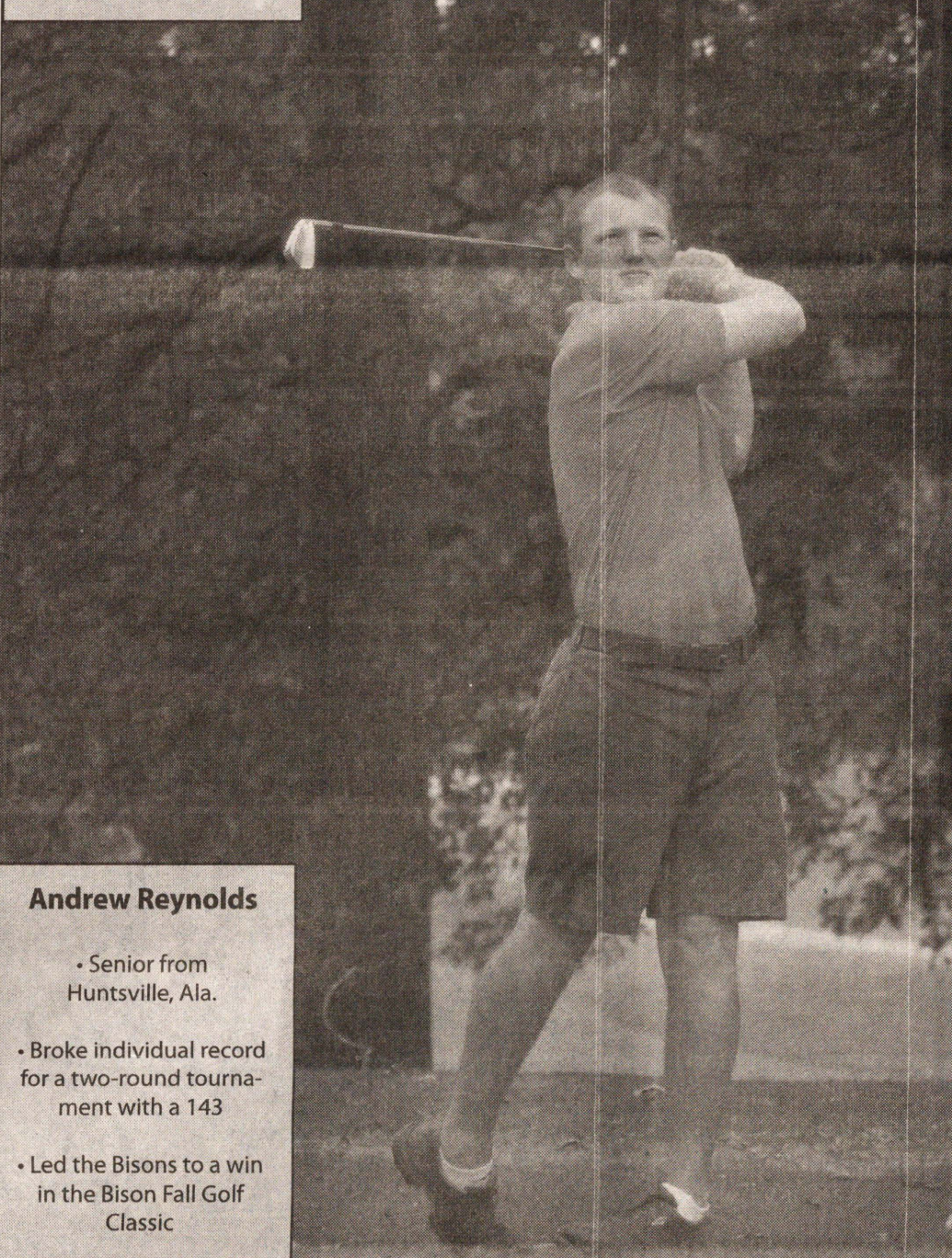
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Gulf South Conference Football Standings As Of Oct. 3, 2007

Team	Conference			Overall		
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# 3 North Alabama	3	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
# 8 Delta State	3	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
# 5 Valdosta State	2	0	1.000	4	0	1.000
Henderson State	2	1	0.667	3	2	0.600
UA-Monticello	1	1	0.500	2	3	0.400
Harding	1	2	0.333	2	3	0.400
Southern Arkansas	1	2	0.333	2	3	0.400
Arkansas Tech	1	2	0.333	3	2	0.600
Ouachita Baptist	1	2	0.333	3	2	0.600
West Alabama	0	3	0.000	1	4	0.200
West Georgia	0	2	0.000	1	4	0.200

Athlete of the Week

CRAIG RAINBOLT | The Bison



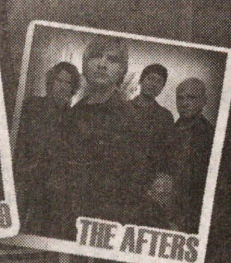
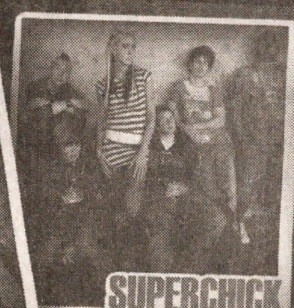
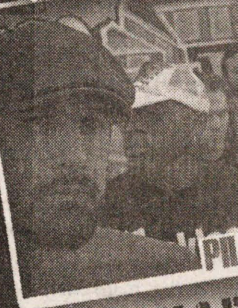
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- Led the Bisons to a win in the Bison Fall Golf Classic

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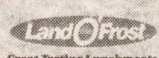
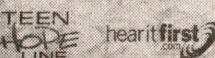
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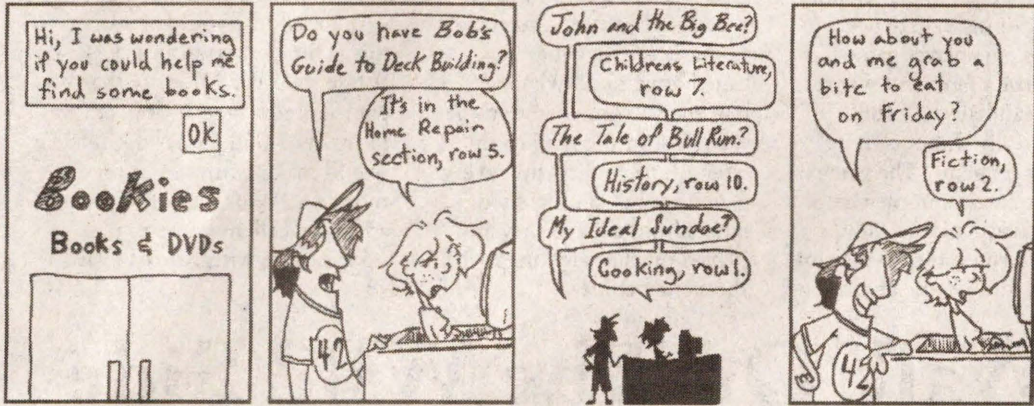
Harding Squirrels

By AMANDA PRUITT



Money for Pizza

By ALEX BLAIR



Time Out for Coffee

Java Stop Offers New Option For Drinks, Pastries

By KIM KOKERNOT
student reporter

With the wealth of coffee shops already available to students, it can be a daunting task to find a unique way to attract customers. Java Stop, located off of Race Street near Rib Crib, breaks the coffee house tradition of muted lighting and cozy chairs with its drive-through window and quirky exterior.

What Java Stop lacks in seating, it makes up for with innovative appeal.

Along with coffee and lattes, Java Stop offers a personalized "creative latte," which allows customers to order flavors such as Banana Split or Toffee Mocha, or create their own beverage. Drinks are available hot, iced or frozen, and promise a unique taste. Although they are the most expensive item on the menu, with prices ranging from \$3.50 for 12 oz. and \$4.00 for a 20 oz., adventurous customers will find it worth the price.

"What Java Stop lacks in seating, it makes up for with innovative appeal."

For those seeking a more traditional drink, coffee, hot chocolate, cappuccino, steamers and iced tea are also available. Extra flavor shots can be added for \$0.25 while extra espresso shots can be added for \$0.50. The coffee, hot chocolate and tea are great choices for those on a budget. Even though they are not the most eccentric or tantalizing drinks available, they are still satisfying at the price of \$1.25.

The shop utilizes an inventive assortment of drinks, but some fell below expectations. Smoothies are served in flavors ranging from pineapple paradise to milk chocolate mocha. The strawberry and the vanilla smoothies had a nice smooth texture, but were mediocre in flavor, lacking appeal in comparison to the other beverages. Hot teas, all starting at

\$1.25 for 12 oz., are offered in flavors such as earl grey, peaches and ginger, darjeeling and hot cinnamon spice. The array of choices is perfect for college students who like to vary from the everyday and for those that have a classic favorite. From lattes to teas, originality is expressed while still maintaining the expected choices of an average coffee shop.

Along with drinks, Java Stop sells pastries. Danishes, muffins and scones are a treat for \$1.50 while a bagel with cream cheese costs only \$1.25. The reasonable pricing makes for a cheap but appetizing breakfast or snack.

Along with the convenience of the drive through window, Java Stop's experimentation with flavor gives the coffee house an updated feel. Although the smoothies could have been better, the affordable price range that Java Stop boasts caters to a student budget, and the diversity of drinks available makes Java Stop appealing to customers of all tastes.

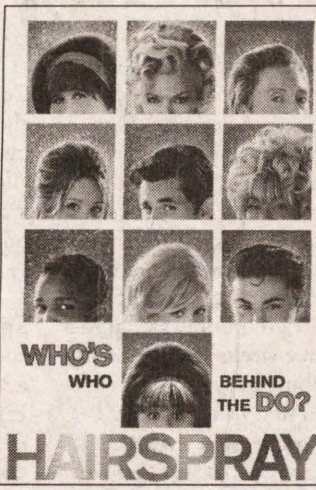
Musical Full of Bounce, Body

By TRACI MILLIGAN
student reporter

Hairspray is a musical set in Baltimore, Md., in 1962. The movie centers around Tracy Turnblad, a chubby but optimistic and happy teenager who wants to dance on "The Corny Collins Show." Luckily for Tracy, a spot opens up on the local television show, and with encouragement from her best friend, Penny Pingleton, and her father, Wilbur Turnblad, she decides she is going to audition. Tracy's mother, Edna Turnblad, discourages Tracy from following her dream because of her size, but Tracy cannot be stopped. Corny Collins notices Tracy dancing at her high school dance, and she lands a spot on his TV show and becomes a big hit.

Velma Von Tussle, the WYZZ station manager, and her daughter, Amber, the current star of "The Corny Collins Show," are not happy about Tracy's good fortune. Tracy is stealing Amber's limelight, catching the eye of Amber's boyfriend, Link Larkin, and bringing new ideas of racial integration on television to everyone she meets. Tracy also becomes competition against Amber for the "Miss Teenage Hairspray" title.

In order to get revenge against Tracy, Velma Von Tussle cancels "Negro Day" on "The Corny Collins Show" and tries to get Tracy kicked off of the show. Along with Motormouth Maybelle Stubbs, the host of "Negro Day," Seaweed Stubbs, Maybelle's son and Penny's new crush; and her new friends, Tracy fights against segregation by leading



a march through Baltimore.

The march does not go as planned, and Tracy has to run away in order to avoid being arrested for fighting for something she believes in. Penny comes through for Tracy by helping her hide, but she cannot hide forever. Tracy has to figure out how she will make her opinions be heard, escape from the police and still manage to show up for the "Miss Teenage Hairspray" pageant the next day.

Directed by Adam Shankman, "Hairspray" is full of well-known and loved actors like John Travolta (Edna Turnblad), Michelle Pfeiffer (Velma Von Tussle), Christopher Walken (Wilbur Turnblad) and Queen Latifah (Motormouth Maybelle Stubbs). The movie also showcases some newer stars (Zac Efron as Link Larkin, Amanda Bynes as Penny Pingleton and Brittany Snow as Amber Von Tussle) who have managed to acquire large fan bases of their own.

"Hairspray" also introduces talented newcomer Nikki Blonsky as the main character, Tracy. James Marsden and Elijah Kelley also join the

wonderful cast as Corny Collins and Seaweed Stubbs.

"Hairspray" follows many other great movie musicals of this decade such as "Moulin Rouge!," "Chicago," "Phantom of the Opera" and "Dreamgirls," and it meets the standards that those amazing movies have set. "Hairspray" is a movie that can engage people of all ages. Unlike the other big musicals of this decade, this movie is one that families can feel free to watch together because it is wholesome, fun and teaches moral lessons in a way that is memorable and amusing to watch. "Hairspray" is also full of characters everyone can relate to, and so it is encouraging for audiences to see characters that experience the same troubles as everyone else and overcome those troubles.

The movie also has a soundtrack that will have everyone singing along and dancing to the catchy, upbeat songs such as "Good Morning Baltimore," "Ladies' Choice," "Welcome to the 60's," "Without Love" and "You Can't Stop The Beat," although there are some songs that address important issues like racism such as Queen Latifah's moving ballad "I Know Where I've Been" and Elijah Kelly's more upbeat, playful song "Run and Tell That."

"Hairspray" is a must-see movie that definitely makes anyone who sees it feel good, and it can brighten up anyone's day. Tracy's passion for dancing and the cheerful, perky mood of this movie is contagious. See this movie, and you will not be able to stay in your seat or keep yourself from smiling and singing along.

Brain Teasers: Puzzles & Games

Sudoku

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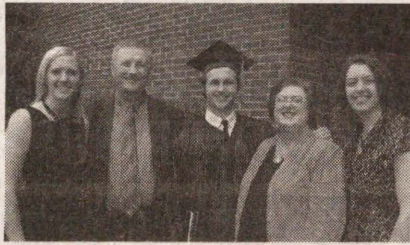
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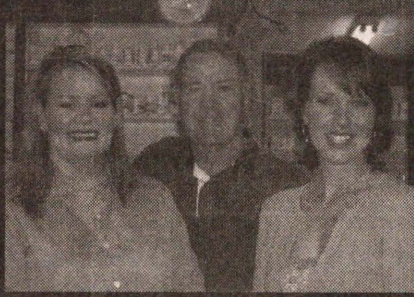
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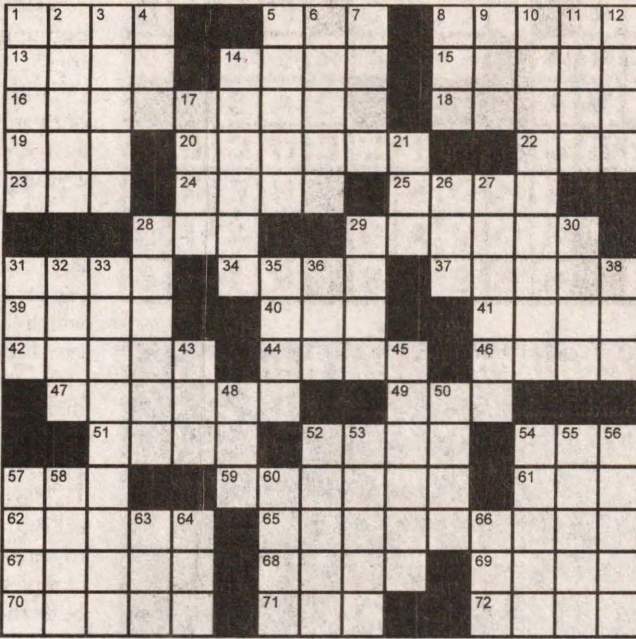


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Across

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- 5 Request
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- 13 Seaweed
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- 15 Electron tube
- 16 Treat roughly
- 18 Prospector
- 19 Fr. summer
- 20 Caught a baseball
- 22 Devotee
- 23 Stitch
- 24 Jackrabbit
- 25 Exude
- 28 Unrefined
- 29 Exit
- 31 Docile
- 34 Heroic tale
- 37 Washstand
- 39 Voiced
- 40 Existed
- 41 Old wives' tale
- 42 Speedy
- 44 Epochs
- 46 Biscuit
- 47 ___-eyed
- 49 Carney, for one
- 51 Boundary
- 52 She (Fr.)
- 54 Heel
- 57 Paycheck (Abbr.)
- 59 Installment
- 61 Pigment
- 62 Mountain nymph
- 65 Overwhelming electoral victory
- 67 Mus. instrument
- 68 Residents (Suffix)



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- 69 Roman poet
- 70 Handles
- 71 Weekday (Abbr.)
- 72 Acquires

Down

- 1 Contests
- 2 Intoxicate
- 3 Fmr. VP
- 4 Stadium cry
- 5 Passion
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- 7 Leg part
- 8 ___-o'-shanter
- 9 Cuckoo
- 10 Priest
- 11 Thought
- 12 Slender gull
- 14 Relations
- 17 Turk. title
- 21 Hound
- 26 Eyeball
- 27 Dogmatist
- 28 Trusted
- 29 Comfort
- 30 Father
- 31 High rocky hill
- 32 Saddle horse
- 33 Canadian emblem
- 35 Departed
- 36 One-liner
- 38 Modern
- 43 Hammarskjold
- 45 Side dishes

- 48 Thing, in law
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- 52 Muse of poetry
- 53 Napery
- 54 Seasoning plant
- 55 Scrutinize the books
- 56 Exploits
- 57 College student, for short
- 58 Opera
- 60 Do away with (Abbr.)
- 63 Insect
- 64 Computer operating system inits.
- 66 Record

Answers In Next Issue

Halo 3: Saving The World Is Not Child's Play

By JEREMY WATSON
copy editor

On Sept. 25, more than a million people abandoned friends, skipped work and classes and became glued to their TV screens. No, there was no historical event going on, no special report and no season premiere or finale. This was something much more anticipated than a simple television program: it was the release of Halo 3.

The Halo series is one of the most popular sets of video games ever sold, and playing the latest installment, it was easy to see why. Halo 3 has everything Halo 2 had, but bigger and improved (better graphics, more weapons and more ways to play with friends, to name a few changes). And it was in anticipation of these improvements that more than one million copies of the

game were already preordered by July, two months before the game was released. When Bungie (the company behind the development of the Halo series) released a Beta version of Halo 3's multiplayer game during the summer, more than 820,000 people played more than 12 million hours total in only three weeks (I must admit, I contributed my fair share of hours to that total as well). It is no surprise then that Bungie made a game that went above and beyond expectations: there would have been very many disappointed fans had they not.

Halo 3's single player campaign mode takes what Halo 2 had developed and takes it up a notch. While the same length as the previous two games' single player modes, Halo 3's campaign has a lot more depth in both story and gameplay. Released with the slogan, "Finish the fight," Halo 3 tells the story

of Earth's final stand against the Covenant, an alliance of several alien races bent on destroying humanity and going on the "Great Journey," and the Flood, a parasite that takes over the bodies of its victims and wants to overrun the galaxy.

What the Covenant doesn't know, however, is that the so-called "Great Journey" is actually the destruction of every sentient being in the galaxy in order to kill the Flood by removing its food source. This task is accomplished by setting off the titular Halos, ancient planet-sized rings left by the ancestors of modern humanity. And that's where you come in. You play as Master Chief, the last of a group of genetically engineered super-soldiers, known fittingly as Spartans, whose job it is to stop both the Covenant and the Flood, and save Earth.

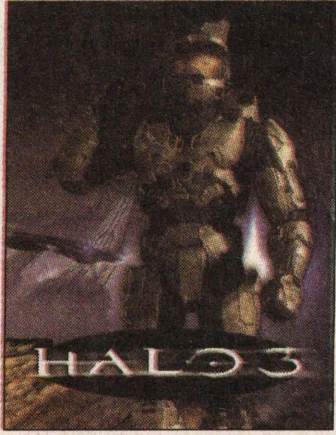
A few differences from the

previous games are things like being able to destroy all enemy vehicles. In the previous two games, several vehicles were invincible, such as the ships that dropped off alien troops, but now you are able to destroy anything you see, provided you have enough firepower. Among other new weapons are two new types of grenades: a spike-covered grenade that is reminiscent of the Soviet stick grenades, and a firebomb, which is a high-tech Molotov Cocktail. The gameplay has also changed a bit, and once you get used to it, it feels very smooth, making a great gaming experience.

The single player game is well worth a look, but where Halo 3 (and all the Halo games) really shines is in its multiplayer game. The game has been made completely for the social aspect. Basically, anything you can do, you can do with four people and online.

The campaign mode can be played with up to four people and over Xbox LIVE, which is an improvement from Halo 2, in which you had to be on the same Xbox console and only two people could play. You can edit multiplayer maps with up to four people at once, and you can save game film and watch it with three of your friends.

Halo 3 has more game types already set up and ready to play, including the ever-popular "Zombie" game, which, in Halo 2, had to be regulated by the players, but now has an automatic team switching feature. There are so many settings that you can change to do whatever you want, from changing the weapons on the map to the strength of gravity, that every game can be completely different from the next, even if played on the same map with the same people.



Halo 3 might not be for everyone, but if you enjoy shooting aliens and battling with or against your friends, this is the best you can get. While it costs a bit more than your loose change at \$60, as most Xbox 360 games do, it would make a fun rental for those who don't want to buy, and an excellent game to pick up for those with Xbox LIVE.

Brain Teasers

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Ernest Hemingway
"Courage is grace
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The Bison Crossword

Answers To Last Week's Crossword

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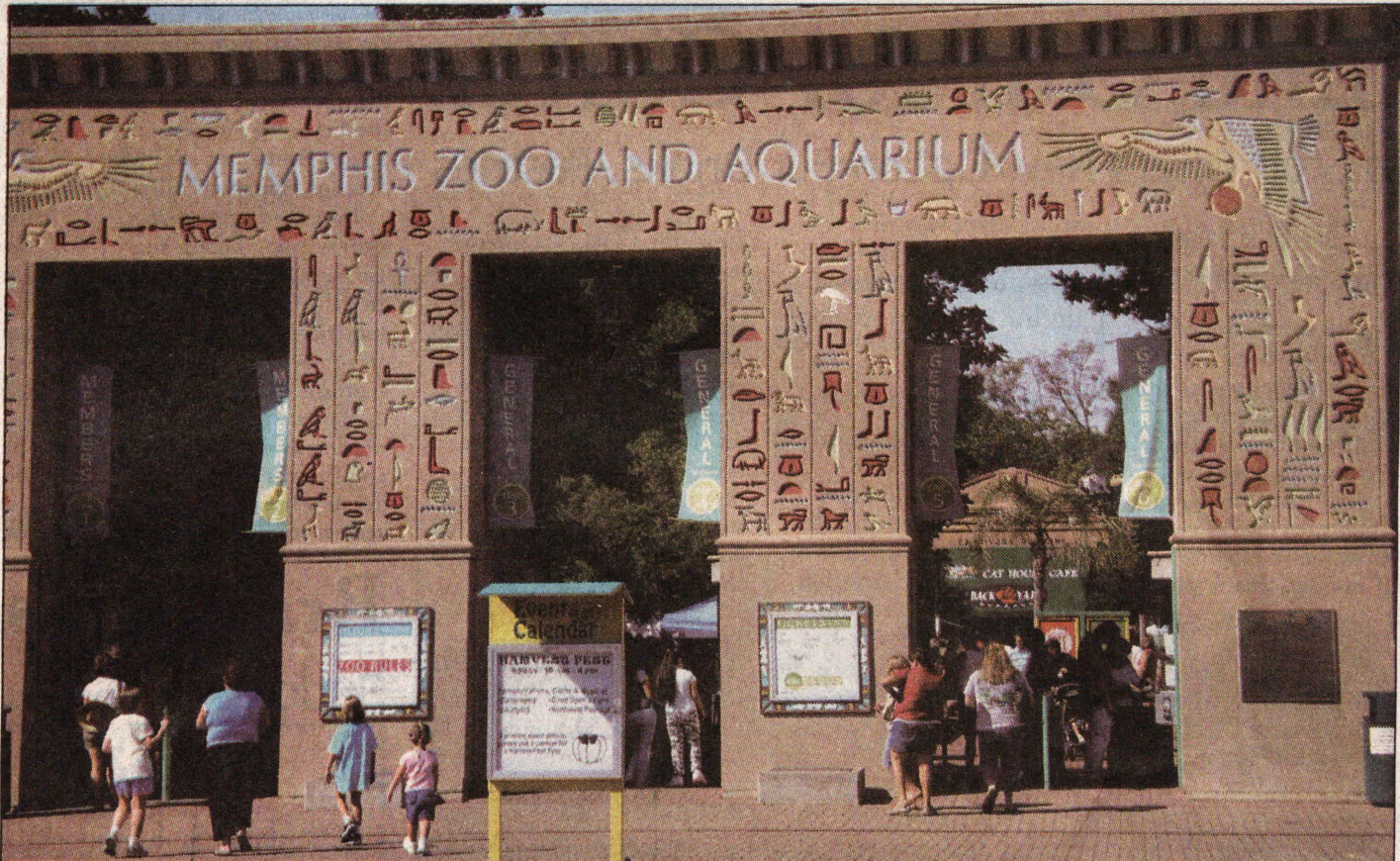


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Memphis Zoo More Convenient Than A Trip To The Jungle



LESLIE GILES

My Flagpole

My fiancé surprised me last Saturday with a mystery date to the Memphis Zoo. He and I are both fond of animals, and I was thrilled when the car pulled up to a sign that said, "Zoo Parking \$3.00." I'd heard wonderful reviews about it and was glad I'd finally get to see it myself.

Nestled in the urban jungle of Memphis, the zoo is peaceful, its quiet atmosphere broken only by assorted animal noises. The entrance to the park is grand, resembling a scene from ancient Egypt. The high wall is covered with hieroglyphics, and this quirky beginning sets the mood for the rest of the trip.

After consulting the map, we planned our path through the zoo. We mapped out a circuit of the park, enabling us to see everything with the least amount of walking.

We began our safari in Cat Country, a three-acre open-air exhibit featuring many large cats such as lions, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars and cougars. It also had capybaras, which look like huge guinea pigs, and the ever-lovable meerkats. Three of the little guys were out keeping guard, standing on their hind legs. Actually, only two were; one had fallen asleep on the job, with his face down in the dirt.

Next we walked through the Tropical Bird House. I think this was one of my favorite parts of the entire zoo. I was completely amazed by the number of exotic birds they had. More than 50 species are kept in this exhibit, each singing sweetly

and showing off glorious colors. The sheer beauty of these birds almost overwhelmed me. Their bright colors lived up to their names, like the Australian rainbow lorikeet or the turquoise tanager. The bird house features two open flight areas for visitors to walk through. Enjoy watching the birds fly around you, but be careful. You probably don't want to stand directly under any birds, just in case.

After we left the bird house we passed Penguin Rock. Although the sign promised a large number of penguins did indeed live in warm climates, it still seemed weird to see penguins lolling about on rocks and sunning themselves. Continuing on past the penguins, we found the aquarium.

The aquarium is one of the oldest exhibits at the Memphis Zoo. It contains both salt and fresh water environments and 157 marine organisms from around the world. Perhaps most interesting were the enormous catfish and redfin giant gourami. I found these gigantic fish more intimidating than the piranha a few tanks over.

I found the ugliest animal in the park right outside the aquarium. The red river hog resembles a wart hog, except it has white and black face markings and a shaggy, reddish-brown coat. The most striking feature, however, was the ears. The red river hog has leaf-shaped ears, which made it look like a mutated elf. Completing the look was a white, spiky mane running the entire length of the hog's back.

We passed the hippos right as they were being fed a treat of watermelon. They smashed the fruit on the cement ground around their pool and slurped the juice loudly. The monkeys across the way were hooting, and the komodo dragons merely looked at us while flicking their tongues.

Because it was Saturday, we were able

to watch the polar bear feeding. Two of the polar bears refused to wake up from their naps, but the third, a young female named Cranberry, delighted the crowd by swimming after the fish the keeper threw in the water. The meal ended with Cranberry's favorite dessert: a frozen fish-sicle.

By this time we'd seen the majority of the zoo and were beginning to get tired. We backtracked through the rhinos and the elephants and stopped by the giant panda exhibit. We arrived right on time for his lunch, too. I watched him tear through one bamboo pole after another, and he was still going strong when we left. He'd take a piece of bamboo in his paw, chew it a bit and rip it into shreds.

Our last stop in the zoo was to see the herpetarium, where I saw more reptiles than I care to see again in one place. The house was full of snakes, lizards, frogs and alligators. I was startled by the size of the humongous reticulated python and disturbed by the hognose snake's smile. True to his name, the hognose snake has a squished face and an upturned nose that resembles a pig's snout. The shape of his face makes it look like he is smiling. He might have been, for all I know. Once again, we'd arrived right after lunch.

The Memphis Zoo was an incredible way to spend a Saturday afternoon. The park is well designed and I was pleased by the variety and number of animals. In most of the exhibits the animals were easy to spot, and they looked happy in their environments. The zoo is a convenient way to experience an exotic adventure without roaming too far from home.

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Strange But True Laws

- In Alaska, it is against the law to look at a moose from an airplane.
- In Miami, it is illegal to go around imitating animals.
- In Madisonville, Texas, you must own at least two cows before you can tuck your pants into the top of your cowboy boots.

- In Georgia, it is illegal to slap a man on the back.
- In Washington, D.C., it is illegal to squeeze a balloon to make whistling sounds on the streets.
- In Memphis, it is against the law for a woman to drive a car unless there is a man either

- running or walking in front of the car waving a red flag to warn approaching motorists and pedestrians.
- Also in Tennessee, it is illegal to drive any car while asleep.
- In Elkhart, Ind., it is against the law for a barber to threaten to cut off a child's ears.
- In Virginia, bathtubs are not allowed in houses — tubs must

- be in the yard.
- You cannot legally allow your camels to wander the streets of Galveston, Texas, unattended.
- It is illegal to carry a concealed weapon over six-feet long in Seattle, Wash.
- In Atlanta, you must pull down the blinds before dressing or undressing a mannequin in a store window.

- Firemen in Nebraska are not allowed to play checkers.
- In Chicago, you cannot take your French poodle to an opera.
- In Memphis, frogs are prohibited from croaking after 11 p.m.
- It is illegal to mispronounce the name of the state of Arkansas in Arkansas.